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### Soviet Jew spied on **Israel** for Kremlin

By BATSHEVA TSUR

by Morse code to the KGB, and is serving a 15-year sentence, was yesterday exposed to the public after the Supreme Court lifted a ban on publication of the affair.

The ban was lifted at the state's. request so the case could serve as. a precedent in determining beavy sentences for espionage. Therebave been unconfirmed reports of the arrest of other new immigrants on suspicion of spying.

Spy Roman Weisfeld, today 55,

was recruited by the KGB in the Soviet Union in 1976 with the express purpose of making aliya in order to collect military and political information about Israel. He underwent a period of training in various espionage techniques and in 1980 was sent on his mis-

Weisfeld was instructed to collect information about Israel's relations with Arab countries, the US, and Third World countries. This he relayed to the former Soviet Union with equipment be brought from his homeland. The information was believed to have been passed on to Arab countries as well.

In return,

Weisfeld, an electrical engineer found himself a job with the Elec company in Haifa - a job which eventually gained him access to one of Israel's main air bases. He succeeded in maintaining contact with his operators in the KGB for five years with the use of Morse.

In November 1985, Weisfeld went to Vienna, where he met one of bis operators. He received \$3,000 as well as more sophisticated equipment. It was after this visit that Weisfeld began his work on the air base as a company rep-resentative. There he was able to collect data on the types and movements of aircraft, the organization of the squadrons, and the storage of weaponry.

This continued for more than should

two years. In April 1988, Weisfeld

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein (right) and police investigations division head Cmdr. Sando Mazor leave the Justice Ministry in Jerusalem yesterday after holding consultations on the Bar-

## Hanegbi: I'm clean

keeping with the instructions

Supreme Court Chief Justice before the police team probing the Bar On affair, as the focus of the investigation moved to Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi. Hanegbi terned down a sugges-

tion that he take a lawyer, saying that he was "clean... strong and optimistic."

At the request of State Attorney
Edna Arbel, the police team
arrived yesterday afternoon at
Barak's office on the second floor of the Supreme Court building in Jerusalem. For 45 minutes, Barak gave them information about what he had heard regarding the appointment of Bar-On as attorney-general from Hanegbi. It was Hanegbi who had told the cabinet, in ambiguous fashion, that he had

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timony had taken place.

in an Israel Radio interview by the prime minister's attorney Ya'acov Weinroth that he hire a lawyer, Hanegbi said: "I don't need one. The best lawyer for me is the truth... I am clean. I feel strong and optimistic [that the investiga-

tion will clear me]." Hanegbi, who cannot release statements through his spokeswoman Etti Eshed, since both of them were interrogated and are therefore obliged not to speak about the topic, let it be known through "circles close to him" that he had not been the one to propose the appointment of Bar-On.

Hanegbi's "circles" pointed to the prime minister, and were quoted by Channel 1 as saying Netanyahu himself had met with Bar-On even before former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair resigned oo December 1.

MK Shaul Yahalom (NRP) said yesterday that, if it is proven that either Netanyahu or Hanegbi had knowingly cooperated with crimi-

appointment, intimating that nal elements to decide on the Barak had not opposed the candiappointment, "such a person could no longer go on serving in his

Sarah Honig adds:

not to discuss the case, the court spokesman remained tightlipped Netanyahu ls not blaming last night, refusing to reveal fur-Hanegbi for the Bar-On appointther details other than that the tesment, and their relations are unaffected, according to Weinroth. Reacting to a suggestion made

Talk about a rift was sparked by Weinroth's comments intimating that the appointment was pushed by Hanegbi, and that Hanegbi let Netanyahu believe his candidacy passed Barak's scrutiny.

"Netanyahn does not feel that he was misled by Hanegbi in any Weinroth said, "this despite the fact that the prime minister did not initiate the Bar-On appointment himself."

Hanegbi told Netanyahu an hour before Bar-On's nomination was presented "that Barak knows about the appointment. This left Netanyahu with the impression that Barak voiced no opposition, but no one is claiming that Hanegbi sought to mislead bere. Perhaps be himself did not understand things fully," Weinroth said. Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh reportedly backs Netanyahu's ver-

When an Israel Radio interviewer asked Weinroth whether be recommends that Hanegbi hire himself a lawyer, he replied: "I suggest everybody get a lawyer. Lawyers are not monsters, and getting a lawyer is not an incriminating act. Any citizen who buys and sells a-

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# PM finalizes Har Homa

#### By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will announce at tomorrow's ministerial meening on Jerusalem that he intends to permit the building of 3,500 homes in Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem, alongside the 2,600 for Jews in the first phase of Har

The figure was agreed upon in a meeting between Netanyahu and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert yesterday, and was subsequently confirmed by the Prime Minister's

"Our plan is 10 agree to 3,500 units for Palestinians spread out in Arab neighborhoods in the city," one official said. "Our plan includes building in neighborhoods such as Silwan, Ras el-Amud, Issawiya and A-Tur."

He said all the Arab building would be permitted "inside the municipal boundaries."

Officials hope that the will mute announcement Palestinian objections to the construction of Har Homa, to which Netanyahu has committed himself amid very heavy coalition pres-

Officials said they have quietly passed on these intentions to the Palestinian Authority leadership, despite statements that Israel feels it does not need to consult with the PA on Jerusalem.

As originally envisioned by planners, Har Homa will contain about 6,500 homes, If 2,600 are to be constructed now, it remains unclear when the remaining 3,900 will be built.

Earlier yesterday, Israel-based ambassadors representing the rotating leadership of the European Union gave the Foreign Ministry a demarche on Har Homa, The group includes the ambassadors of the Netherlands, which holds the rotating chairmanship, Ireland, Britain, and the European Commission,

According to a statement issued after the meeting, the envoys said Europeans believe the Netanyahu government is committed to the peace process, but "they are very worried" about plans for Har Homa.

Foreign Ministry deputy director-general Yoav Biran, who is filling in for Director-General' Eitan Bentsur, who is abroad, noted that most of the land expropriated for the project came from lews. He added that there is nothrestricts Israeli construction in

Jerusalem, but complained about Palestinian institutions in the city. Har Homa figured prominently

in Netanyahu's meeting with Jordan's King Hussein earlier this week. When publicly asked about the project, Hussein sought to play

down the differences, but did say that Jordan did not want any action taken that could undermine the peace process. Meanwhile, there are indications

that as a result of the Netanyahu-Hussein meeting, Crown Prince Hassan may visit soon. Officials say that Hassan may come for the Saturday night opening of the Yuzhak Rabin study center in Tel

Hassan was due to visit last October, but the trip was cancelled as a result of the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit.

Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Muasher said yesterday that the Jordanian and Israeli transport ministers would meet shortly to discuss Jordan's request to ease the movement of goods into the parts of the West Bank controlled by the PA. Muasher said Israel has also agreed to brouden the list of items that ing in the Oslo Accords which -- Jordan can export to the West

### Continued on Page 2 consulted Barak about the Drink l'haim - salt water being turned into wine People will soon be able to toast each other with cabemet sanvi- wineries produced and bottled

gnon from grapes grown with wines from the grapes. He can't salty groundwater in the Negev.

Researchers at Ben-Gurion marketed as no deal has yet been University of the Negev, the signed.

Hebrew University and a Turkish researcher from Izmir have suc- and taste as cabemet sanvignon

ceeded in producing a successful first crop of seedless, purple-red-grapes whose wine, to the layman at least, tastes just like cabernet sauvignon.

The success was reported at the

international conference on "Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Development of Desert Agriculture, now being held at Ben-Gurion University's Sde Boker campus, organized by BGU and the Science Ministry The four-day event is also being

attended by experts from Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Morocco and the Palestinian Authority. Prof. Yiftah Ben-Asher, of

BGU's Desert Research Institute,

said yesterday that his two dunams

of vines recently produced their A year after he planted his, Sde Boker researchers planted 30



dunams, which are due to be expanded to 80 dunams for commercial uses. The Rishon Lezion

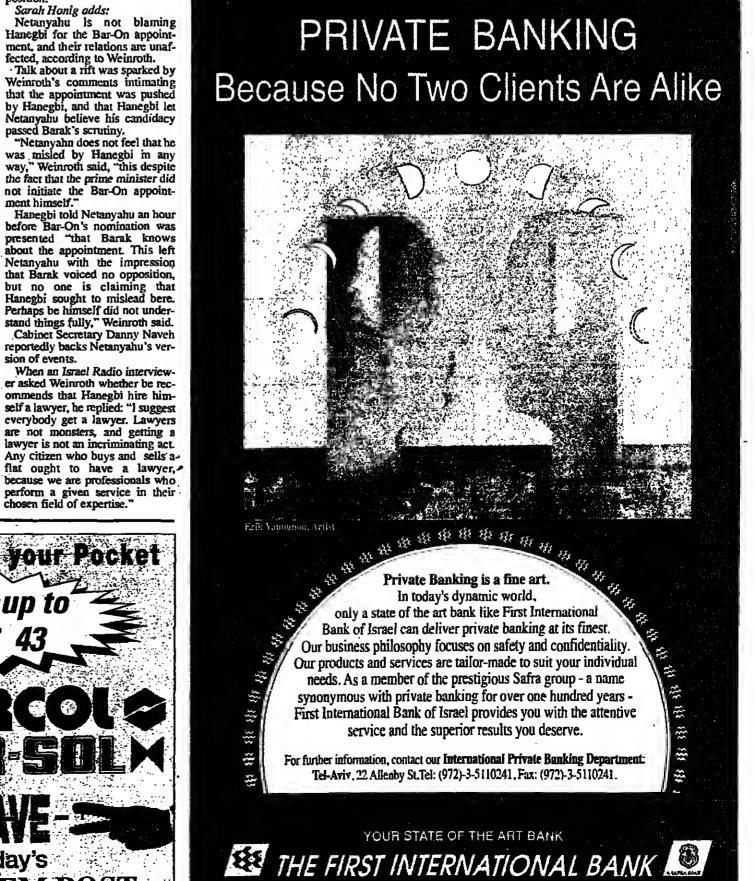
grown in sweet water," said Ben-Asher, "at least to the layman."

If wine experts agree, vines could cover barren land from Ramat Hanegev to Mitzpe Ramon and serve as a new Negev industry, he added.
We are now working to

improve the flavor even more," said Ben-Asher of his team, which includes Yoel de Malach, Yitzhak David and Moshe Sagi of Ramat Hanegev's experimental farm (which proposed the experiment), Prof. Ben-Ami Bravdo of the HU Agriculture Faculty, and Serra Hepaksoy of Turkey.

The Turks, said Ben-Asher, have plenty of fresh water, but they're interested in planting vines on a sea coast, and thus are very interested in the project.

Underground water in the Negev has about one-tenth the salt concentration of the sea, but even that is fatal to vegetables, fruits and a variety of other crops. The root stock of the vines have been found to work like a filter and keep the salt out of the grapes, explains

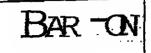


# Coalition rallys behind Netanyahu

#### By LIAT COLLINS

The coalition expressed its support yesterday for Prime Minister years [Shas leader Aryeh] Deri has Binyamin

Netanyahu, in the wake of leaks about his questioning under caution in the Bar-On



exist, he said.

MK Yitzhak Cohen (Shas) told

Third Way faction chairman

Yehuda Harel said no steps

should be taken until the investi-

gation ends. However, should the

charges prove true, the government would have no right 10

The National Religious Party, in

its weekly faction meeting, also announced full support of the

prime minister. It also expressed

confidence in the manner in which

the police and State Attorney's

Office are carrying out the investi-

The NRP MKs were not unani-

mous in their backing of the prime

minister, however. Knesset Law

Committee Chairman Shaul

Yahaloni said: "There is no doubt

that Netanyahu and [Justice

Minister] Tzahi Hanegbi coordi-

nated the appointment of the attor-

ney-general with Shas. Even if it

isn't criminal, that's no way to

behave and therefore I won't

strengthen or weaken the premier

but wait for the results of the

At the Labor faction meeting,

party leader Shimon Peres called

on his MKs to refrain from reach-

ing conclusions before the end of

the investigation and also warned

against putting pressure on the

He did, however, read out a

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the coalition meeting: "For seven

affair. "We should all stand behind the prime minister. From the initial reports it seems all the charges involving criminal aspects have been ruled out and the rest have still not been proven." MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher-Likud). who heads the Land of Israel Front, said.

Kleiner said that despite his group's opposition to the prime minister's delays in construction of Jewish housing in Har Homa. Netanyahu should be given full support in the Bar-On affair. "One should not link the Hebron-Bar-On affair with building Har Homa.

The Likud faction executive accused the opposition of being bad losers.

In a statement issued after a meeting yesterday morning, the party said: "Those who failed in the elections are trying to go against the voters' will,"

The executive unanimously voted to offer its full support of Netanyahu "in his struggle against the opposition which is demanding his suspension while relying on rumors, leaks; and slurs."

It accused the opposition of trying to go against the voters' will and to prevent the prime minister from carrying out his work. in the coalition executive meet-

ing, coalition chairman MK Michael Eitan said all attempts by the opposition to suspend or top-ple the prime minister should be rejected.

Yuri Stem (Yisrael Ba'aliya) said the media "is carrying out a its opinion."

## Hebron Jews balk over street By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The Jewish community in Hebron has protested the decision to open part of King David (Shuhada) Street, which runs near the Jewish quarter, to two-way traffic.

In a letter sent yesterday to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Knesset

members, the community leaders demanded a delay in opening the road to two-way traffic, until improvements are made to ensure the safety of the community's residents.

"There are no sidewalks for our children to walk on and no pedestrian crossings are marked." said Hebron spokesman Noam Amon, adding that opening the road also presents a security risk to the settlers.

The section of the road was opened earlier this month to emergency and municipal traffic and taxis on a one-way basis, as the first stage of a four-stage plan to restore the street to normal use. The portion opened consists of a 150-meter section from Gross Square, near the Avraham Avinu Quarter, to the Padesco Gas station and then past Beit Romano toward the market.

The road was closed off at both ends after the Machpela Cave massacre three years ago, in fear of revenge attacks against set-

tlers. Avi Benayahu, the defense minister's media coordinator, said the matter was being examined, and they would reply to the community when a decision had been

Feb. 25:



Today is one of the grimmest anniversaries io Israeli history, marking three years since Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an aasauli rifle in Hebron's Machpela Cave, and one year since Islamic suicide bombers

By JON IMMANUEL

Ashkelon. Goldstein's massacre of 29 worshipers during Ramadan was fol-lowed by 24 more Palestinian deaths, as soldiers opened fire to quell the riots which followed.

The series of suicide attacks which followed started in Afula exactly one day after the 40-day mourning period ended.

Peace Now will hold a protest vigil at Baruch Goldstein's grave in Kiryat Arba at noon today to mark three years since the Machpela Cave massacre. The movement also calls for the removal of the tomb to a more inconspicuous site inside the Green Line. The site has turned into a holy

site, we demand it be removed elsewbere," said Mossy Raz, Peace Now political secretary. Even a murderer deserves a decent burial, but elsewhere," he

Goldstein's grave is located in the Meir Kahane Park at the entrance to Kiryat Arba. It is set in a tile floor, and there are bookcases for prayer books at the site as well as a faucet for ritual hand

Turkish Chief of Staff Gen. Ismail Karadayi (center) pays his respects yesterday at Yad Vashem.

## Turkish army chief arrives

#### By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Turkish Chief of Staff Gen. Ismail Karadayi begins his official visit with the IDF and defense establishment today. Both sides hope it will culminate with strengthened military links between the two countries.

An IDF honor guard is to

statement saying the party is "very worried about the public norms of the government. To act responsireceive Karadayi at Camp Rabin in Tel Aviv. where his host, Chief bly, the party will wait until the of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon end of the investigation to sound Lipkin-Shahak is to introduce him to Defense Minister Yitzhak

Mordechai. Karadavi's visit comes as the pro-Western Turkish military is openly pushing for maintaining strategic links with Israel.

despite opposition from Islamist

Prime Minister Necmettin

Karadayi arrived yesterday and immediately visited Yad Vashem. It is his first visit to Israel and comes a year after a visit by his deputy, Gen. Cevik Bir, who signed an agreement to hold joint

maneuvers and training exercises.

Israeli pilots have subsequently used Turkish airspace for training, and Israel Aircraft Industries is to upgrade 54 Turkish F-4s in a deal worth \$640 million.

Karadayi is expected to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu later this week,

Israel has never fully disclosed its military agreement with Turkey, which has drawn fire from countries like Egypt, Syria, and Iran. But Turkish officials have said the agreement will allow Israeli warplanes to seek

sanctuary in Turkey, and Turkey will also allow Israel to gather intelligence information on Syria and Iran from inside its borders. In turn, Israel will help Turkey organize its border con-trol along the frontier with Syria and Iran,

Syria's relations with Turkey are often tense because of watersharing disputes and charges that Syria extends support to Kurdish rebels fighting for a homeland in southeast Turkey. Damascus

## The suspect scoop that may bring down a govern

### By HERB KEINON

It began as a somewhat suspect scoop in the middle of a Channel 1 newscast last month, when reporter Ayala Hasson alleged that Arven Den handpicked Roni Bar-On for attorney-general, in return for a plea bargain in his bribery trial. It has turned into a story that not only hasn't died, as government officials promised it would. but could very well kill Binyamin

Netanyahu's government. Bar-On, a Jerusalem criminal lawyer, first came to the public's attention on January 10, when Israel Radio reported that, at the weekly cabinet meeting, he was chosen as the successor to Michael

The following Sunday, the country's papers on reported a cabinet meeting, at which minister after minister opposed the appointment, not only because they were not consulted, but because Bar-On was "not of attomey-general caliber."

But Netanyahu insisted, "How will it look to the public if you will

not approve the appointment," he cast the lone no vote, and the told the cabinet at one point. according to a Ma'ariv report. "It is not possible to push this off unul next week, it is impossible. li is within the authority of the prime minister, and the justice minister. to put forth a candidate for attorney-general, and you need to

approve the appointment today." The Hebron agreement came before the cabinet that same week; Shas voted for it.

According to Ma'ariv, "Some cabinet members were of the opinion that the Bar-On appointment was made in coordination with the Shas ministers."

The fact is that the Shas ministers did not not oppose the appointment, did not speak against it, and when [Ariel] Sharon raised the possibility that the appointment was coordinated with them, they chuckled," one senior minister said.

"I know Bar-on . he is a good man, but he can can't be a a good attorney-general," Ze ev (Benny) Begin said. It is inconceivable to appoint people in this manner. He is a political activist, and does not have the needed attributes."

Dan Meridor agreed: This is not acceptable, it is inconceivable that a political activist be appointed to such an important position." Bar-On's appointment was eventually approved by a vote of 12-1, with five abstentions. Begin

abstentions came from Meridor, David Levy, and Limor Livnat from Likud, and Yitzhak Levy and Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party.

Almost immediately there were reports that Shas was behind the appointment, in exchange for its support for the Hebron deal.

Ma'ariv ran a small story saying that Hammer denied that the NRP abstained because of a "political deal" between Shas and Netanyahu, through which Bar-On would got the attorney-generalship in return for a Shas vote for

Hebron redeployment. Deri was quoted as saying that he knew nothing about the

арроіпитепь After the appointment was made public, a storm raged, but this had more to do with Bar-On's qualifications, rather than news of a deal

struck with Shas. Labor MK Ofer Pines periuoned the High Court, asking for a restraining order and saying the process by which Bar-on was appointed was improper, and done quickly to keep ministers from fully considering the appointment.

And then, in a dramatic turnabout, Bar-On - on a day when his character was impugned on radio talk-shows - announced that he would quit the post he had taken up only that moming.

Netanyahu expressed regret over

the decision, and said he had the highest regard for Bar-On. For the next week, the juicy part

of the story was a public fight between Justice Minister Tsahi Hanegbi and Livnat over wbether Hanegbi had misled the cabioet by saying that Supreme Court President Aharon Barak had supported the appointment.

And then on Wednesday night, January 22, Hasson - in a report that followed news of the day's rainy weather - said that Deri had conditioned Shas's support for the Hebron agreement on Bar-On's receiving the post. Her sourcea

remained anonymous. The floodgates opened almost immediately. Opposition politicians called for a police or state inquiry into the allegations, while government officials said the report was a fabrication, tendendous, and a manifestation of the way the press is "out to get

Netanyahu. Netanyahu emphatically denied the story. In an interview with Channel 1, he stated that "Deri never proposed or recommended Bar-On in any manner whatsoev-er. He did not recommend him or press for his appointment. These bizarre reports are out and out lies. There was no conspiracy and this is an attempt at libel ... This is entirely baseless, absolute gibberish. I am astounded that the television should publicize such nonsense. A little more responsibility and professionalism is warranted." Four days later a police investigation began, with Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz saying it would end "within a matter of

days." The investigation is still going strong, nearly a month later. The attorney-general's seat was filled by Elyakim Rubinstein on January 29, an appointment pundits said would have saved Netanyahu, and the country, much heartache had it been made a few

On February 6, the nation's attention was diverted by the helicopter collision over Sbe'ar Yashuv. But during this period, the

investigation prodded along.

Among those questioned were Hasson, Hanegbi, Deri, Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, Likud mover-and-shaker David Appel, who allegedly brought Bar-On to Deri's attention, and Dan Avi-Yitzhak , Deri's lawyer.

Netanyahu himself was questioned last week in a session that was first described as coopera-

tive, but later termed difficult. It is still not clear whether he was questioned under caution, meaning that he is suspected of a crime used against him. Netanyahu has since hired a lawyer.

And then last Wednesday, Avi-Yîtzhak quit as Deri's lawyer. Avi-Netanyahu's choice for attorneygeneral, and also was rumored to have been the source of Hasson's

His resignation was significant because of the letter he sent to Deri, in which he said: "...I dared for totally relevant reasons to oppose your plan to appoint Bar-On as attorney general..." This went a long way toward confirming Hasson's original report.

If this is true, if Deri pushed because of his own legal problems - to have Bar-On as attorney-general, the nagging, Watergate-esque question is how much of this did Lieberman, Hanegbi, Netanyahu know, and does it constitute a crime.

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was instructed to meet his operator again in Europe, this time in Berlin. But there was a hitch and the meeting did not take place.

Shortly afterwards, he was arrested, tried, and found guilty by the Tel Aviv District Court of aggravated espionage. Weisfeld was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment; an appeal to the Supreme Court was rejected.

"The Russian secret service prepares lews for spying purposes in Israel ... Whoever decides to take upon himself the task of spying against Israel faces the danger with open eyes and must realize that he is threatened with severe and substantial punishment," the court wrote in rejecting the

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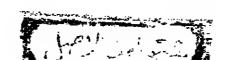
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MK Hanan Porat explains the NRP position to Yuvai Rabin vesterday.

A meeting of the Land of Israel From, lobbying for the immediate construction of Har Homa and other projects in Jerusalem, was stood up by its star speaker yesterday: former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

No official reason was given for his absence but MKs deduced that he did not want to openly attack Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in a meeting in the Knesset following the latest developments in the "Bar-On-for-Hebron" investigation.

Apart from MKs who are members of the front, the meeting was attended by members of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Professors for a Strong Israel and other groups.
Front chairman MK Michael Kleiner

(Gesher) announced that the prime minister had informed Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert that the ministerial committee on Jerusalem would decide tomorrow to authorize the Har

Kleiner repeated his promise to the prime minister that the coalition MKs and their supporters would serve as a safety net for the govemment if the Jerusalem construction raises opposition.

Harel: Without building in Jerusalem there is no coalition

Shamir snubs parley

of Land of Israel Front

He also repeated the warning that should the prime minister not realize his commitment to build in the capital, the front would turn into an opposition.

Kleiner did not retract the decision to lead a visit by the Knesset caucus to Ras el-Amud tomorrow during debates in the plenum and said this would depend on construction work starting in the capital. Last week the opposition won several votes in the plenum thanks to the absence of the Front's MKs, on a simi-

Olmert, who was also invited to address the front, decided not to appear in view of Neianyahu's promise.

Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, who did address the meeting, said at the outset: "We will not be satisfied until we see the bulldozers working. We have received many promises about building in the past and unfortunately so far they have not been real-

He stressed the importance of building the city's northern access and ring roads and the project which would link Ma'alch Adumim to Jerusalem.

Third Way faction chairman Yehuda Harel told his party colleagues "without building in Jerusalem there is no coalition."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, however, wrote to Netanyahu warning him against deciding in favor of the Har Homa project. "Har Homa is not Mount Moriah and Jerusalem will remain Jerusalem without a neighborhood on the site." he said. "I view it as a very serious matter that you are giving in to coalition pressure on such a serious subject which is likely to endanger the entire peace process and bring it to a crisis

Sarid likened the Har Homa project to the opening of the exit of the Western Wall Tunnel which sparked rioting in September that took 70 lives.

## NRP hosts Yuval Rabin

The meeting was the message, said Yuval Rabin, head of the An **Entire Generation Demands Peace** movement, who met yesterday with members of the National Religious Party in the Knesset.

"We have always called for, and continue to call for peace, both at home and with our neighbors." said Rabin, son of the assassinated prime minister.

The meeting was meant to take place before the Hebron redeployment, hut was postponed "for technical reasons."

But the message remains relevant, Rabin said. He said it was important to meet with the fourth

largest party in the government, particularly one which opposes the peace process."

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The main outcome of the discussions was the decision to continue to meet in different forums:

Although the meeting was generally quiet, NRP deputy secretary-general Uri Elitzur at one point accused Rabin of "exploiting the call to unity as a trick to promote a controversial issue [the peace process.] And it is only proper for you to express that in

Faction chairman Hanan Porat leaned to Rabin's defense telling the room: "We are smart enough to understand what they did and did not say, but we are still con-

## Man found shot in mob-style hit

The body of Ya'acov Kohalon, one of those charged with the figure Ze'ev Rosenstein, was found yesterday morning in the Yad Eliahu section of Tel Aviv. Adom paramedic Nadav Castro, he had been shot in the back of

On Sunday night police Kohalor was last seen on Friday, received an anonymous telephone and police said he had been killed call telling them where the body. could be found. But the body was, was found. ... not where the caller said, and it was only after searches lasting until ve

charged along with Rafi Weizman attempted murder of underworld and the missing Ilan Aslan, with shooting and wounding Rosenstein, was to have begun today. Aslan is thought to be According to Magen David behind the shooting, as he suspects Rosenstein of ordering the hit on his brother, gangland kingpin Yehezkel Aslan.

about two days before his body

Police also said the murder leads them to fear for the life of llan

## Kalansuwa mops up as Kinneret rises

### By DAVID RUDGE

The forum of Arab Council Heads yesterday called on the yesterday, mainly in the central public to donate money to help residents of Kalansuwa where 1,500 homes - over a third of the village - were flooded in the . recent tomential rains.

Residents of the village, in the Triangle, continued mopping up operations yesterday in the wake of the floods, which resulted. when two rivers. Alexander and Tzuran, overflowed.

Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the council, said the damage estimated NIS 20 million. including damage to homes, roads and sewerage and drainage networks.

"We are calling on members of the public, especially in the Arab sector, to donate whatever they tion in the past few years. can afford, to help the residents of Kalansuwa who have suffered enormously," said Suleiman, who heads the Mash'had Local

Council near Nazareth.
The council said so far it has government or any other agen- mark.

The rain, accompanied by iso-lated thunderstorms, continued and southern districts, where there were reports of flooding on some roads.

- The Ein Gedi Nature Reserve, near the Dead Sea, was closed to visitors because of the risk of floods. Nature reserves in the North, including the Ayoun stream leading to the Tanur. waterfail, were still closed vesterday after the heavy rain, but are expected to reopen today.

The Mt. Hermon ski site, closed to property in the village was an since the weekend because of heavy snow, reopened yesterday. Site manager Eli Sagron said the accumulated snow on the lower slopes had reached a depth over 1.3 meters, with nearly 2m. on the peak - the biggest accumula-

Meanwhile, Mekorot reported that Lake Kinneret rose by another 5 centimeters yesterday as a result of the strong flow from the Jordan River and other streams. The level, however, is still more not received assistance from the than 2m. from its maximum

## Summertime Law passes first reading

By LIAT COLLERS

first reading in the Knesset yesterneed to pray in the mornings day. The bill calls for summertime before work.

Also yesterday, the Third Way. March 22 at midnight mail executive met to discuss the Golan September 13. The bill was presented by Interior Minister Eli Suissa (Shas):

It passed by a 51-41 vote with one abstention. To ensure it

MK Aviaham Poraz (Shinni) iemanded Suissa reveal the sur-

Suissa asked for a short period citing, among other things, the dif-The Summertime Law passed ficulties facing religious Jews who

Heights and said the party would not be able to stay in a government which harmed Isiael's sovereignty on the Golan.

The party will continue a public passed the coalition named out in information campaign together force, including the premier and, with the Golan Heights Residents Council to promote more settlement there. It intends raising the Golan Heights Law in the vey his ministry carried out which Knesset. The law would require a hows the inajority of the public, 61 MK majority and a plebiscite including religious Jews, favor to endorse any territorial conceshaving summertime for a longer sions in areas under Israeli sover-

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in brief

### Israel, Canada sign research funding pact

Israel and Canada signed an agreement yesterday to provide \$3 million each in funding for the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation (CIIRDF).

Canadian Foreign Trade Minister Art Eggleton and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky signed the agreement in Jerusalem. The fund is expected to encourage firms to take advantage of the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement, which came into effect January 1. The projects already approved for funding are largely in the biotechnology and information tech-David Harris

#### Chazan meets Women's League

A four-member delegation of the Women's League, led by Harriet Lainer, met yesterday with MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz), co-chairperson of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, to discuss their work and hear about potential projects and causes to adopt.

Chazan said she was impressed with the work the organization carries out, particularly at a time when many groups are suf-fering from funding problems and working on a tight budget. Among the ideas she raised is a shelter for battered women to serve the haredi sector, whose abuse victims often cannot rely on the help of their families or friends.



### Youth caught without license gets heart attack

Ashdod Magistrate's Court Judge Varda Meroz showed little heart for 18-year-old Meir Ben-Haim, caught driving his friend's car without his license last week, which was only fitting since Ben-Haim suffered a heart attack after he was stopped by a

Ben-Haim, who has a congenital heart defect, was stopped by policewoman Molly Kogan, who inimediately summoned an ambulance when Ben-Haim collapsed. He was later diagnosed to have suffered a heart attack.

Meroz sentenced him to a NIS 600 fine and suspended his license for eight months.

### IAF chopper pilot makes emergency landing

The pilot of an IAF Cobra attack helicopter made an emergency landing in a field in the Jordan Valley yesterday, fearing his craft had malfunctioned and he was in danger of crashing. Military sources said the pilot managed to briog the two-seater Cobra down normally, but that technicians had arrived on the scene to try and determine the nature of the suspected malfunction. It was not clear whether the air craft was in danger of crashing, or if the warning signal was a mistake.

Arieh O'Sullivan

## Media blamed for negative image of Russian women

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Some 44 percent of the Israeli public believe that many female immigrants from the former Soviet Union are employed in pro-viding sexual services and 65% attribute other negative qualities to

The poor image of Russianspeaking immigrant women was the subject yesterday of a symposium sponsored by the Zionist Forum and the Israel Women's

Network. Prof. Galia Golan of the Hebrew University, who presented the results of a survey conducted among 500 veteran Israelis, said the negative aspects of the poll were balanced by the feeling of the overwhelming majority of Israelis that Russian immigration was a positive contribution to the country. For most Israelis, the negative image was derived from the media, she said, and not from per-

sonal contacts. A change in media reporting and increased contacts between immigrants and veterans will change that image, said Golan.

The Forum and the Women's Network have embarked on a year-long campaign aimed at improving the image of Russian immigrant women, a sector which has significantly upgraded.lsrael's academic and cultural levels in recent years, through the presentation of personal stories in the media, symposiums and other

Dr. Dafna Lamish of Tel Aviv University said that a study of the Israeli press in the last two years had shown a propeosity to display stories linking Russianspeaking women immigrants with prostitution, with being the victim or perpetrator of violence, and with drunkenness and other deviations from social

bribes to speed up conversions are currently as full members now." under house arrest. They were released on This emerged yesterday when police officers briefed the Knesset State Control

The committee convened at the request of Roman Bronfman (Yisrael Ba'aliya), who said most of those affected by the conversion laws are immigrants from the former

Two rabbis detained for allegedly taking

bail Sunday, after being held for 12 days.

Committee on the scandal.

These are people who considered them— in which they were exposed in an under-selves lewish all their lives, even if they—cover film by Ilana Dayan. were not halachically correct," Bronfman . A gloomy picture of the difficulties said. They want to join the Jewish people -

The police said the investigation is continuing and that they had tracked downeight people who had allegedly bribed the rabbis. Michael Dushinsky and Binyamin

The two suspects are not part of the organized court system, said Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahao, head of the rabbinical courts, after. viewing part of a Channel 2 Fact program

Rabbis filmed taking bribes

involved in obtaining a conversion emerged as Dina Yaboisky, principal of an ulpan for conversion, spoke of the trials and tribula-tions faced by new imagerants from mixed. marriages. She said she knew of two cases where students had been approached to give bribes of \$10,000 each.

The root of the problem, she said, is that it takes a year before the court is even prepared to consider a conversion case. The immigrants are kept in a state of tension and

for conversions out on bail Ben-Dahan admitted that, in 1996 alone, only 300 people - out of 1,180 who applied - had received permission to con-

Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) said the committee would meet with the chief rabbis, whose representatives failed to appear at yesterday's meeting, and discuss the possibility of facilitating the conversion

"It is the long waiting process that lends a hand to all kinds of alternatives, including the alleged scam," Cohen said.



A crane yesterday prepares to lift a huge concrete block that will be used to smash some 100,000 pirate CDs.

## Pirate CDs get squashed

By HELEN KAYE

Yesterday morning, a few dozen representatives of local record companies, the Israel Federation of Mediterranean Music, ACUM. and the Israeli branch of the International Federation of Phonographic Industries watched in grim sansfaction as a bage concrete block on the eod of a crane pounded some 100,000 pirate CDs ioto splinters. A bulldozer completed the destruction of what

were mostly pop and rock discs. The haul was the result of oumerous police and customs seizures last year, but it is no more

than a drop in the bocket when it comes to the pirate CD industry. which accounts for about 25 percent of the NIS 400 million annual local tumover.

This represents sales and royalties for both local and foreign artists, but whereas only one in four CDs by foreign performers is pirated, pirate versions account for three out of every four local

According to industry sources, Bulgaria, Ramallah and Hebron are the major sources for pirate discs. Increasing technological sophistication is also making pirate CDs harder to identify.

ACUM general manager Ran Kedar said that because of the pirate industry in the PA, the US is on the verge of blacklisting Israel for the theft of intellectual copyright. John Fennerty, economic officer at the US Embassy, said independently last week that "piracy is costing us billions of dollars worldwide. The administration has decided to make the enforcement of laws relating to all intellectual property rights a major priority."

As in the case of pirate radio stations, the legal system is largely apathetic to copyright theft and delivers a slap on the wrist at best, an ACUM spokesman said. .

## Abbas: Islamists plotted to kill me

ABU DHABI (Reuter) - Chief Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas said yesterday that Palestinian police had foiled an assassination plot against him last week.

Abbas said Palestinian police received information on a group of three people planning to assassinate him and detained them a week ago. "We do not want to get into the details at this time," he told Reuters

when asked who was behind the plot Abbas, a close aide to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, said the three men belonged to "Islamic trends," but would not elaborate.

Abbas, on a visit to the United Arab Emirates, said Palestinian police were questioning the men. Police sources in Gaza refused to

### **Protest meetings** disrupt rail service

By DAVID RUDGE

Passenger rail services were disrupted for two hours yesterday morning due to mass meetings held by the 1.300 employees of Israel Railways.

Management said the temporary walkout, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; prevented five trains, mainly on the Tel Aviv to Haifa and north line, from running as scheduled.

A spokesman for the railways

service said management bad denounced the disruptions because of the harm it caused to passengers at a time when more and more people are using trains.

"They could have beld this

meeting at a time when it would not bave affected services to the public and our freight customers," said the spokesman. Last week, the workers staged a 24 hour wildcat strike, which paralyzed railway services, in protest

over plans to restructure the rail-

Under the plan, the railways service is to be separated from the Ports Authority and split into two government companies - one dealing with passenger and freight services and the other with infrastructure and assets.

The workers fear that the planned restructuring will pave the way to privatization and could lead to their rights being eroded. The management spokesman said a meeting was held between

workers representatives and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon last Thursday. He said the workers were assured they would be consulted over any

proposed changes and all steps would be coordinated with them. Furthermore, he said, they were given assurances that their rights and benefits would not be harmed

under the separation plans. Management warned it would take legal steps through the labor courts if the disruptive action by the workers continued.

## MK calls on Swiss Speaker to block firing of bank worker

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Avraham Hersebson (Likud) sent a telegram yesterday to the Speaker of the Swiss parliament, asking him to prevent the dismissal of Christopher Meili, the bank guard who exposed the destruction of documentation of accounts owned by Jews killed in the Holocaust.

"Don't be a part of Meili's dismissal," wrote Herschson, who heads the Knesset subcommittee on Jewish property restitution. "The man did a good deed and exposed a terrible truth. Don't harm the messenger, prosecute

those responsible for the terrible destruction of evidence."

Meili was fired from the UBS bank after the directorate decided he should not have reported the destruction of the documents to the Jewish community.

Herschson invited Meili to visit Israel as a guest of the committee through contributions Holocaust survivors.

During Herschson's recent visit to Switzerland, it was decided to establish a joint parliamentary committee to find solutions to the question of the dormant bank accounts whose owners were killed in World War II.

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Siden during the coming trip, but Navarro falls said he would stay in the capital. Vatican scences said the trip was limited to the capital for security reasons. The visit would include a make and a meeting with young people; Navarro-Valls The Polisic Pape, who often speaks out in fassirof Middle East peace and dreams of visiting the Holy Land by the year 2000, is expected to call for a comprehensive sentement.

The Vancan criticizes both the Israeli and Syrian military mesence in Lebanon The globe-trotting "Pilgram Pope," the most-traveled leafer of the Roman Catholic Church in history, was told by his doctors after an operation to remove his appendix late last year that at 76 and with delicate health, he should slow down. er is already packed. The Pope is due to visit Sarajevo on April 13,

The family of China's paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, observes his body lying in state at a funeral ceremony in Beijing yesterday.

Later a funeral cortege carried Deng's body past crowd-lined streets to a state cemetery to be cremated.

## st meeting Emotional farewell for Deng

BEDING (Renter) - China cremated paramount leader Deng Xiaoping yesterday after-his successor President Jiang Zemin and the elite of the ruling Communist Party bowed before the body of the man who transformed

State television showed their leader to China's millions for the first time in three years, his face pale and puffy, his body dressed in a Mao suit, draped with the red hammerand-sickle communist flag and showered with

Human rights was among the major topics US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said would be raised in meetings with China's leaders after she arrived yesterday on the last stop

in her nine-nation tour.
US officials have said Washington does not. expect Deng's death to bring any quick improvement in China's human rights and plans to proceed with a UN resolution faulting body at a stately pace from the hospital to

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bombing, the Vatican said yester-

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The visit will be the first by a

Chief spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls announced the lat-

est date in an already busy 1997

He said the Pope would preside:

over the ceremonial close of a synod of the Lebanese Church held at the Vatican in 1995 during

his two-day weekend visit to

The Vatican called off a planned five day Papal trip in May 1994.

after the bombing of a Maronite church north of Beinst in which 11

Sunday worshipers were killed and 59 injured.

The Pope had been expected to visit the Biblical cities of Tyre and

His agenda for this year, howev-

another long awaited trip, and

Prague, Paris and Brazil.

spend 10 days in his native Poland in early June. Other visits in 1997 include:

schedule of Papal visits after the Pontiff received Lebanese Prime

Minister Rafik Hariri.

In a lingering display of pomp-filled rites that Deng had expressly forbidden, it showed his designated heir Jiang, and most of the party elite, wearing black armbands and white paper flowers of mourning in their buttonholes, make three traditional bows of respect to the

"Deng looked at peace," the Xinhua news

In front of the body in the military hospital where it has lain since Deog died last Wednesday at 92 was a bonquet presented by his wife, Zhuo Lin, and their children, with a silk streamer carrying the words: "We will love you forever." Deng's heir, Soviet-trained technocrat Jiang, looking ill at ease, shook hands with Deng's weeping family but said nothing.

A white van bedecked with black and yellow

ribbons, the colors of mourning, carried Deng's

Babaoshan cemetery in western Beijing where Chinese communism's beroes are traditionally

"Scatter Hot Tears for Comrade Xiaoping," read a banner with black characters held up by one group of people. "Go gently, Xiaoping." read another. Deng's ashes will be scattered at sea.

'Analysts said the officially-choreographed display of emotion appeared intended to paper over cracks already appearing among the party leadership within days of Deng's death.

This type of overstatement seems to be a decision to fight over the corpse... to use it for as much mileage as possible," said Sinologist Geremie Barme. "Something's brewing." Deng's ashes were taken to the cavernous Great Hall of the People on Tiananmen Square where 10,000 people are to atlend a memorial service today and Jiang is to read

## **Bubis says Rifkind** outrage overdone

Lebanon in May BONN (Reuter) - The leader of Germany's Jewish community said, yesterday that outrage in Britain over a German newspaper reference to British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind as a VATICAN CITY (Reuter) .--Jew was completely overdone. Pope John Paul will make a long-Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the awaited visit to Lebanon on May

central council of Jews in Germany, said the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung's (FAZ) mention of Rifkind's Jewish background may sound worse to English-language speakers than to

German-language speakers.
"In the English language it may be considered a profanity to call someone a Jew," Bubis said. "But in German that is not the case. It depends on the context. And in the context of the FAZ article, that was to the German Jewish community. clearly not the case."

The remark dominated British media at the weekend, taken up with a lingering distrust of Germany that dates back to World

"The journalist who wrote the story was trying to point to an irony about Rifkind quoting Luther," Bubis added. "It was perhaps an unfortunate chnice of words, but the reaction is completely overdone." Bubis, a Holocaust survivor, is the highly respected leader of Germany's vestigial Jewish community of some 50,000 members.

He has never hesitated to criticize remarks or actions insulting

German journalist Michaela Wiegel, writing about a speech made by Rifkind last week, had concluded in the newspaper: "As if he was not completely convinced by bis own words, the Jew Rifkind concluded — ironically. apologetically - with a quote from Luther, delivered in German: 'Here I stand. I cannot do other-

Former Conservative minister David Hunt, chairman of the British branch of the inter-parliamentary Couocil Against Antisemitism, said the comment echoed "the language of Hitler" and that he had written to the speaker of the German parliament.

Bronx, shot in the right leg, were listed in satisfactory condition at \$300,000 after 50 years of work." St. Vincent's Hospital. The French

## Palestinian kills tourist in Empire State shooting

By RICHARD PYLE

NEW YORK (AP) - A Palestinian gunman fired into a crowd on the Empire State Building's 86th-floor observation deck, sending tourists diving for cover and stampeding loward exits. A Danish musician was killed and six other people were injured hefore the gunman shot himself in the head and later died.

The wounded were a French couple, an Argentine and a Swiss, and two Americans.

The gunman's passport identi-fied him as Ali Abu Kamal, a 69year-old Palestinian who came to the United States from Cairo on Christmas Eve, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said. The passport indicaled Abu Kamal was from Ramallah, and was born in Jaffa.

The gunman died without regaming consciousness five hours after the shootings at one of the world's best-known tourist

Abu Kamal was an English teacher from Gaza City. (See story

Witnesses said Abu Kamal muttered something about Egypt seconds before he began firing sbortly after 5 p.m. Sunday onto the panoramic, outdoor deck that surrounds a large, windowed room on the 86th floor.

"I heard a loud popping noise," said Jean-Luc Will, 40, a French tourist visiting New York with his wife, Catherine, and two sons, 10 and 13, "I thought at first it was little child playing with fireworks. There was one shot, then two or three seconds passed then three shots, pop. pop. "Police said a 27-year-old Danish musician was killed.

Authorities would not immediately provide his oame, but the Aalborg Stiftstidende, a Danish newspaper, identified him as Christoffer Burmeister, from Gjoel, a Danish village near Aalborg: Newspaper reports said he was about to be a father and played guitar in a rock band, the Bush Pilots. He lived in Copenhagen, the capital.

In critical condition at Bellevue Hospital were the dead man's American frieod, ideotified as Matthew Gross, 27, of Montclair, New Jersey, who was shot in the bead; Mario Carmona, 52, of Mendoza, Argentina, in critical but stable condition; and a Swiss man, 30, both shot in the shoulder.

Patric Demange, 44, and Virginie Demange, 36, of Verdun, France, both shot in the buttocks, and Hector Mendez, 35, of the New York City borough of the

couple's 16-year-old daughter was unhurs but was treated for mental shock, authorities said.

The Daily News said the French family was being comfoned by a French-speaking doctor and expected to make a quick recovery. Gerard Guntner, 43, of Jersey

City, New Jersey, said he found a

man with a bullet wound in the

head, and tried to help him by

cradling bis head in towels. "He was bleeding profusely. He was coughing blood. I took the towels and wrapped them around his head. I just said, 'Hang in

there'." Guntner said. The New York Post said the wounded person helped by Gunmer was the gunman.

Belgian businessman Stef Nys. 36, said he saw the gunman shoot himself in the head and fall to the floor just outside the window of a souvenir shop. A stunned Nys noticed that the elderly shooter's dentures had popped out of his

"I have never seen so much blood in my life, but the most scary part was when people started to panic," Nys said. In the rush for the exits, two children were hurt when knocked from parents' arms, and four women suffered minor injuries. Police weren't sure of the signif-

icance of the gunman's remarks

about Egypt. A city police terrorist

task force and FBI agents were investigating, Giuliani said. Police Commissioner Howard Safir said the shooter apparently acted alone and fired seven shots.

The man was carrying several Arabic-language documents and a receipt showing the purchase of a 380 caliber Beretta semi-automatic pistol in Florida last month, Giuliani said.

Rubenstein, Howard spokesman for the Empire State Building, said a security camera taped Abu Kamal after he bought a ticket in the ground floor lobby and rode an escalator to the elevator entrance a floor above. The tape was turned over 10 police.

Rubenstein said the building, which attracts three million visitors a year to the observation deck, would review its security measures. But he said management was satisfied with its current procedures even though they do not include metal detectors or bag searches.

The 102-story Empire State Building was the world's tallest when completed in 1929. It has long since surrendered that title to other edifices, yet it remains the quintessential Manhattan skyscraper.

its worst disaster occurred July 28, 1945, when a US Army B-25 bomber crashed into its 79th floor, killing three plane crewmen and

### Shooter 'distraught over losing savings'

GAZA (AP) — The gunman in the Empire State Building attack was distraught over losing his life savings of more than \$300,000 and had no ties to Palestinian radical groups, his relatives said yesterday.

Relatives of Ali Abu Kamal, 69, yesterday erected a white mourning teot outside his one-story home in the seaside Rimal district in Gaza City. Men made a wooden frame for the tent, designed to hold about 150 chairs.

Abu Kamal's daoghter, Linda Abu Samra, 35, said she could not believe her father, an English teacher for nearly 50 years, would resort to violence. "I'm in shock. I can't believe my father carried out this act," The gunman's son-in-law, Marwan Abu Sanıra, said Abu Kamai was a

quiet man and had no ties to Palestinian militant groups.

In fact, Abu Kamal had been a victim of Islamic militant vigilantes. In 1992, he was kidnapped by Islamic Jihad and severely beaten. Wall graffiti signed by the group at the time accused Abu Kamal of having an extra-marital affair and violating the laws of Islam.

Yesterday representatives of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv visited the fam-

ily and asked questions about Abu Kamal's background, the family said. Abu Samra said his father-in-law had left for the United States two months ago with plans to invest his savings there and eventually moving his wife, four daughters, their husbands and his two sons from Gaza to

However, Abu Kamal called home Sunday and said he had financial problems and could not send tuition money to one of his sons who is studying civil engineering in Russia, the son-in-law said.

Abu Samra said be believed his father-in-law was distraught over los-

ing his life's savings.
"I think the reason (for the shooting) was not political," he said. "My father-in-law was a quiet man. He was going to the states to invest some money. I think a man that age cannot accept that he loses more than

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### Netanyahu's Meretz

The Land of Israel Front, a loose formation of right-wing members of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's coalition who oppose his policies, held an "emergency meeting" yesterday. The phenomenon of full-blown rightist opposition to Netanyahu, which would have been unthinkable before the election, could well become an integral part of the Israeli political scene.

Netanyahu's hreak with the Right came in stages. First, after some stalling, he met with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, even though few of the conditions he had originally set for such a meeting had been met. Then came the Hehron agreement, in which Netanyahu not only handed over most of the city - second only to Jerusalem in its Jewish historical significance - but locked his government into the Oslo Accord's series of three "further redeployments."

With the Hehron agreement, peace process proponents declared the "Land of Israel" movement to be dead, as did many rightists themselves. This movement, however, may now be recovering from its initial shock at heing "betrayed" hy Netanyahu, whom they thought of as one of their own.

MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher-Likud), a vocal opponent of the Hebron agreement and one of the 17 MKs who voted against it, chaired yesterday's emergency meeting. The group has three cardinal demands regarding Jerusalem: huild on Har Homa, build in area "E-1" (linking Ma'aleh Adumim and Jerusalem), and build Road 45, which will improve access to Jerusalem from the north.

These are, in fact, modest demands. The group has pointedly decided not to demand the building of a Jewish neighborhood at Ras al-Amud, an area hemmed in by Palestinian neighborhoods. All three are projects that might be supported by a Labor government. The Har Homa project, in particular, was strongly backed by Labor ministers, and was delayed by non-political court cases against it.

In general, the current demands of the Land of Israel Front do not go beyond the government's own guidelines. Gone is the expectation of new settlements; now all that is sought is a continuation of the rate of expansion and building of bypass roads, which also occurred under the Rabin government. It is no surprise that the disappointment on the right over Netanyahu government's not doing more than a Rabin government, is turning to a sense of betrayal with the realization that it is doing less.

expressing this feeling. "It is a fact," says their limits in a post-Oslo world.

Shamir, "that [Netanyahu] is acting against the principles of the Likud. He has no principles." Shamir seems almost jealous of Arafat, "He's succeeding. He's progressing. Where are we? We are retreating."

So what is Shamir's alternative? He feels that in the end the peace process that began in Madrid when he was prime minister could bave led to an agreement with the Palestinians. But an agreement, for Shamir, was not necessarily the main objective. As he fondly recalls his days in a unity government, "Then we did not lose a thing. There was a big aliya. We moved forward economically and improved our security. Peace? We don't have peace today either."

These are hard times for Shamir, because these times are all about giving in, with the questions being how much and in return for what. Even the Land of Israel Front is not demanding that the giving stop, but that it be minimized and that Netanyahu's demands for something in return the concept of "reciprocity" - be enforced. Shamir himself seems to have given up any pretense of trying to influence events, and is content will the goal of keeping his principles intact.

The rest of the "Land of Israel Front," however, seems to be adjusting to the role of internal opposition - something akin to what Meretz was to the Labor government. Just as Meretz was constantly snipping at Rabin's beels to make sure he did not stray too far to the right, Netanyahu's internal opponents are trying to corral him from straying too far to the left. One difference, however, is that Meretz was a separate party, while most of Netanyahu's rightist opposition is in his own party. Another is that Meretz was more effective over time at steering the government leftward, while the Land of Israel folks seem to be mostly playing catch-up.

The Israeli right could do worse than to learn from its rivals on the other end of the political spectrum. It is a bealthy thing for Netanyahu to have a vigorous, pragmatic faction to his right. Such a faction can only strengthen Israel's negotiating position, provided it focuses on truly important issues, not just "hot-hotton" items that may be less relevant.

The Land of Israel Front is right to wince at what, for them, seems to be pragmatism run amok. Some may even yearn for a leader like Yitzhak Shamir - wbatever bis faults, you knew where be stood.

But it would be a mistake for Sbamir's ideological compatriots to emulate him. To be effective, they too must be pragmatic, as comfortable as it may be to keep one's principles in pristine In an interview published in Ma'ariv last condition. The challenge facing them is to Friday, Yirzhak Shamir minced no words in maintain the balance between core beliefs and



## Say it ain't so, Natan

uried in the deluge of news Copy following the death last week of Deng Xiaoping was a story that hrought the China issue home to Jews.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported on February 20 that Israel and China had "agreed to boost bilateral trade and economic cooperation" during the visit to Israel by Chinese Vice Premier Li

Even as the movement to focus on the human rights situation in China has grown in the past couple of years, the increasingly cozy ties between the Jewish state and China have not been troubled by any Israeli or Jewish scruples about dealing with a regime aptly described as "the last of the great dictatorships of this century of wicked dictators."

Some have argued that Israel's position as a small country surrounded by enemies justifies its dealing with evil regimes in an effort to break its isolation. That made sense 20 years ago.

But today, as the peace process continues, Israel is no longer isolated. And since even the Likud govemment has embraced Oslo, it can no longer claim that the country's survival depends on a policy of making friends with anyone who will deal with the Jewish state.

Israel might be able to afford a moral foreign policy if it wanted one. Much like the US on this same issue, it doesn't.

Separating China from Iran is a major goal of Israeli foreign policy. The Iranians are reportedly getting id from the Chinese nnclear and missile programs. Ironically, at the same time, the Chinese have been cooperating on other military technology projects with Israel.

But it was the second paragraph of the JTA dispatch that stopped me dead in my tracks.

It described the meeting between Li and Israel's Minister of Industry and Trade. According to the ministry's statement, Natan

JONATHAN S. TOBIN

Sharansky expressed disappointment that the level of trade between Israel and China wasn't

higher.
Both the JTA story and a similar dispatch from The Jerusalem Post Foreign Service spoke of the cooperation planned in a wide variety of industries, especially electron-

Tell us you're still an ardent advocate of human rights everywhere

ics and telecommunications.

From the point of view of human rights advocates who have been pointing out China's repression of religious believers as well as its widespread use of slave labor from its own gulag - the laogai - in its export industries, this is unsavory stuff. Israel is far from unique in seek-

ing to profit from trade with China, but that just means being : as amoral as everyone else. . Natan Sharansky is a hero, one

of the most famous of the refuseniks. At his trial and sentencing 20 years ago when a Soviet court doomed him to decades in the gulag, his ringing assertion of Zionism challenged us to speak out in defense of all Jews trapped in that antisemitic

But what made Sharansky really dangerons to his Communist jailers was that he was more than just an advocate for Jewish rights.

Sharansky spoke out on behalf of all victims of Soviet Communism, Jewish or not. He was a one-man model for the sort of selfless human rights activism that has characterized American Jewish groups who have been outspoken on non-Jewish human rights issues

like Bosnia and Rwanda.

WHEN he met with Li and angled for more Israeli mvolvement in the Chinese economy, did Sharansky remember the countless victims of the Beijing regime? Did he spare a thought for the Chinese prisoners languishing in cold cells in the laogai, perhaps clutching the local equivalent of the miniature volume of the Psalms that Sharansky cherished in the gulag? Did he inquire whether any of the Chinese firms that export \$160 million worth of products to Israel employ prisoner. slave labor?

Did he ask about the release of courageous Chinese dissidents like Wei Jingsheng? Did he make a nuisance of himself hy talking about human rights in the way so many Americans who dealt with the Soviets did when Sharansky languished in Soviet prison camps? Apparently not.

Perhaps Sharansky knows nothing of the lagoai, documented in books by dissident hero Harry Wit and others. I hope this is the answer. Or perhaps he just doesn'to' care. Perhaps he now thinksut party touth to Israel's political and economissas Bushermore, Barak can talk strategies ontweigh all moral con- and act as tough as he wishes, but siderations, as some world leaders : without the Arabs in Israel he said of their own policies when twon't make it. By the year 2000, Russian Jews were the victims.

and put the lie to everything his life once stood for. At least then we won't have to labor under the illusion that heroes still walk among us.

China may be a sidebar to the Deng funeral story, but in the coming months and years it will grow in importance.

This is a fight a man like Natan Sharansky ought to be part of. He could be the one to finally raise questions about Israel's dealings with chia and make a difference."

The writer is executive editor of the Connecticut Jewish Ledger.

# A bit of

MARWAN BISHARA

The countdown for the Labor party primaries has started, with Ehud Barak making important strides toward claiming the leadership. Media estimates have him leading comfortably over Yossi Beilin.

The reason: Barak is considered. most capable of defeating the next Likud candidate for the premiership. Why? Because he is tough, an army chief of staff who would erase the wimpiness of Shimon Peres and steer the party back onto the track of Yitzhak

Rabin.
This, at least, is the impression that dominates the party ranks. They are wrong on both counts. Fifty years after independence, Israel no longer needs a soldier to

iead lt. The IDF is more than capable of defending its borders at this point in the peace process. Israel's complex regional and world relations, its sensitive negotiations with its neighbors, require a man with convictions and a clear vision. Running a \$95b. trade-oriented economy requires knowledge and experience, both of which Barak lacks.

Barak is no Rahin. True, the late prime minister was also a soldier, a man of horders who led the IDF into the West Bank and conquered Jerusalem. But three decades later he had the courage to embrace reconciliation and accept the Oslo agreements out of conviction.

This would not have happened had he not listened to Shimon Peres, the man Barak is indirectly discrediting, who realized the importance of expanding Israel's frontiers beyond the limitations of its borders.

INSTEAD of lecturing Netanyahu from the Knesset podium on the merits of humility, Barak could use a little humility himself and learn some lessons from the man he intends to replace as Labor

#### Ehud Barak needs to start talking to the **Arab electorate**

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they will comprise some 15 per-If so, he should say so openly, I cent of the voic - and they are in no mood for tough talk. Unlike in previous elections, the Labor party can no longer automatically count on their vote.

Labor will have to earn their port come elections: but the tough path Barak is pursuing is not exactly compatible with their aspirations.

Barak needs to state why he is better than Binyamin Netanyahu for Israelis, both Arabs and Jews. If he favors more compromises . with the Arabs, he needs to specify them. If he favors acting tougher with his negotiating partners, he must also clarify. Because if he should act tough in the Labor primaries, he will have to swallow his words for Arah

support in the final round.
With the Liknd mustering more than two-thirds of the Knesset votes behind the Oslo process, who needs a Barak-led majority of 61 votes? Besides, Barak was behind most of what went wrong with the Peres policies. From West Bank closures to the Grapes of Wrath, Barak's advice revolved around security solu-

tions. The Palestinian conflict with strael today is political. It takes a general to see it in merely military terms.

Needless to say, neither the Oslo process nor Shimon Peres satisfies Arab voters' political aspirations, let alone Palestinian national demands. This is a political war in which battles are won and lost - but at least the process is moving forward.

The Palestinian citizens of Israel - and the Palestinians in general - have decided to fight their wars politically. And it is no longer clear that Barak's next battle is ours.

The Arabs in Israel are better organized than ever before, their identity is in healthier shape than ever. And as the peace process advances, their political agenda brims with items relating not only to the negotiations, but to their life and progress in Israel.

tifications for discriminating against them as citizens based on security imperatives, and they can translate their dissatisfaction into electoral power.

the army, he had better start talking to the Arab electorate. And if the Mapainiks want to recapture the premiership - well, they don't need a tough figure. They need to figure out what they stand for. • ::

The writer is a Palestinian author from Nazaresh.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

### THE AUGUSTA VICTORIA HOSPITAL

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anyone of the rights, privileges and

responsibilities of the LWF as an

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and for Zionism, those who now

have reached "retirement age"

deserve to receive a pension like all

other citizens of Israel who worked

in the country or abroad on behalf

Society grants pensions to its

older citizens according to their

years of work and service, without

checking what they have and how

they live. So the issue is not about

giving the Prisoners of Zion charity

for their "poverty," but to provide

them with a pension, like all other

Israeli citizens, for the years of

work that they have done for the

Jewish State. While many former

Prisoners of Zion may in fact need

the pension to sustain themselves,

the key point is that they earned it

(Former Soviet Prisoner of Zion)

It seems that the Israeli public

who elected him not to do these

things deserves an explanation.

YOSEF BEGUN,

LEAH WOLF

and they deserve to receive it.

Jerusalem.

EXPLANATION, PLEASE

REV. DR. DAVID L. JOHNSON.

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**NOT CHARITY** 

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Sir. - I was astonished and dismayed to read in your article of February 11, "PA agrees to transfer burned boy to Hadassah" that Dr. Yitzhak Sever is quoted as having said that Augusta Victoria Hospital has been taken over hy the PA. There is no truth whatsoever to this statement.

The Augusta Victoria Hospital is owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). headquartered and registered as an international organization in Geneva. Managed and funded through the Department of World Service of the LWF, it has a Geneva-appointed board of governors for the hospital. The LWF has always been and continues to be in full compliance with all requirements under the law for operating a hospital in Jerusalem.

Sir. - Baisheva Tsur's article

\*Prisoners of Zion living in pover-

ty" (February 7) was very timely, as

the Knesset was preparing to vote

to draft a new law, proposed by MK

Emanuel Zissmann, to provide pen-

sions for former Prisoners of Zion.

While the article is very much

appreciated, it is important to point

Prisoners of Zion and other

activists received tremendous trib-

utes from Israel and the Jewish

world. Their relentless work

enabled thousands of Soviet Jews to

make aliya during the 1970s and

80s. Ms. Tsur wrote about the for-

mer Prisoners of Zion in the Soviet

Union who, for some 10 to 20

years, struggled to create the Jewish

movement in the USSR under the

extremely difficult and dangerous

conditions of the Communist

regime and KGB oppression. For

the years of work they did for Israel

Sir, - Could someone please explain the logic behind Prime

Minister Netanyahu's moves to

release terrorists with Jewish blood

on their hands and his readiness to

withdraw from the Land of Israel?

out a major oversight.

Since 1950, the hospital has Sir, - Studying World War 1 we served Palestinians, especially are amazed that a handful of generals of limited ability were able to destroy an entire generation of the last two years, it has undergone European youth through the fixed "concept" of trench warfare. Now, for the past 15 years, the families of Israel and their sons are still captive to a failed concept that has brought untold tragedy and loss to Israel and to Lebanon, to the IDF, to the residents of the northern border and everywhere else, and to the chances

the wrone war in the wrong place.

"the emperor is naked"? In tribute to the boys who have been sacrificed let us strive to achieve a pull-out from Lebanon,

BURTON M. HALPERN

**NETANYAHU AND CLINTON** Sir. - There is an incredible similarity between President Clinton

Both statesmen are young and attractive and came into office with high ideals. Unfortunately, both made many mistakes and the local and world media were merciless in their extreme and sometimes brutal criticism. Now it seems that both have learned to overcome their mistakes and may indeed prove to be outstand-LLOYD MORRISON

### **FAILED CONCEPT**

We are our own victims of a "concept" that can't distinguish between Palestinians 20 years ago, trying to take hostages to free PLO prisoners. and Lebanese Shi'ites (once our allies) who don't want Israeli soldiers in their country and who are willing to fight with the advantages of home territory and motivation, against an Israel army engaged in

The slaughter inadvertently by Israeli artillery of 100 Lebanese women and children taking refuge in a UN camp should have made a convincing statement about our selfdefeating, fruitless continuing travail in that bloody land; yet the "concept" remains in place. Who has the courage to call out clearly.

Tel Aviv.

and Prime Minister Netanyahu that deserves attention.

ing and great leaders... hopefully.

## Before the heavens close

And... if you hearken diligently unto my commandments... I will give the rain for your land in its season... that you may gather in your grain, and your wine, and your oil. - Deuteronomy 11:13-14

Thether or not one accepts the notion of God's involvement in human the notion of God's affairs, there is a concept in those lines to which Israel in 1997 should hearken. The concept is that there is a

link between morality and well-

being. Moral principles are not

just grand abstractions; to an extent, morality and practicality are the same thing. For the architects and prime movers of Oslo - Yossi Beilin, Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin the gap between morality and

practicality was wide. In other words, the end justified the means: Oslo was the path to peace, therefore moral principles could be tossed by the wayside. To be sure, the relationship is not a simple one. Sometimes, especially in the political domain, morality

has to be bent, or even abandoned in pursuit of larger goals. The most dramatic example in this century was Roosevelt's and Churchill's forging of an alliance with a monster, Stalin, against a more menacing monster, Hitler, Few would deny that it was justified.

Still, a heavy price had to be paid: the Soviet Union emerged from the war militarily and territorially strengthened. The result was over four

decades of Cold War - and, down

to this day, a potentially aggres-

sive, nuclear-armed Russia. In the name of the Oslo peace process. Yasser Arafat and bis PLO cronies were given a blanket P. DAVID HORNIK

and thousands of murders. Some of us didn't understand where Rabin and Peres got the moral and legal authority to grant this amnesty; but there was nothing we could do about it.

The Israeli electorate was bamboozled. Labor had won the 1992: elections by showcasing Rabin as a centrist nawk; its platform promised no talks with the PLO,

Can morality be laid aside in the name of pragmatism?

no retreat from the Golan, a united Jerusalem. Lies and cynicism. People with a record of cruelty and corruption were imported from Tunisia and elsewhere and imposed on a civilian population as its government.

Israelis were allowed to be murdered. The killers fled to a safe haven. They were not pursued, and those in charge of the haven were not held accountable. Israel's democratic process was

raped. Oslo 2 - an agreement that profoundly affects the future of Israel and the Jewish people - was opposed by a majority of Zionist MKs, but squeaked through the Knesset on the strength of the votes of the anti-Zionist Arab parties and the two turncoats from Tsomet, Gonen Segev and Alex Goldfarb.

Murderers were released en masse from prisons. First we were assured that it was only those with Arab, not Jewish, blood on their hands. Then the criteria were amnesty for decades of terrorism stretched a little... and some with

Jewish blood on their hands were released, too - but only if they were women. (The PC folks never raised a peep of protest at any of this.)

But it was all justified, in the name of peace. - . WERE Beilin, Peres, and Rabin

right? Can peace be bought at the

price of deception, corruption and

Not surprisingly, they were wrong Israel in 1997 is not a country gladly anticipating the onset of peace. The war in southern Lebanon keeps intensifying. The "entity" taking shape in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza does not look like a peaceful neighbor, but more like a cruel dictatorship that amasses weapons, harbors

Prime Minister Netanyahu claims he has no choice but to : continue the slide to moral chaos. So he has allowed more Israelis to be murdered, and released murderesses from prison.

terror organizations, and preaches

Perhaps he's right. Perhaps the political, diplomatic, and economic momentum the previous government built up around the Oslo process really is irresistible.

If so, one could look at it another way: that having stood so many moral principles on their heads in the pursuit of a warped pragmatism, it is very hard to dig ourselves back out of the hole.

Not only Judaism but other ancient traditions too lay great emphasis on the warning: Break the laws, offend the gods, and the earth turns barren, the world darkens, the heavens close. Let's hope it's not too late.

The author is a writer and translator living in Jerusalem.

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The Jerusalem Post Tuesday, February 25, 1997

# Guta love that jazz

MARWAH BY

even fewer would pass no on being a regular guest on the show. But that is exactly what Dec Des Bridgewater did last October They called me when I was on tour in the USA and wantedone to start in two days. It was just The American-born Paris-based

jazz singer and actress likes to plan her life well in advance, if that is possible. Which is why she also had to say no to a recent effet from Broadway. "I had a couple of a offers but I can't do a least tole in a Broadway show, I'm not free for that kind of commitment. For me it's always a question of the plan ning. I try now to be a little bit 4; looser with my time but it makes

e me nervous. And then there is the West End as well. "I'll my and see if I can do a guest run for two months as a lead in a masical. Something's ta coming, I know that, and I have no problems waiting."

But as much as she would like to act on stage and on both the big and small screen. Bridgewater first love is jazz, and it is this love for jazz which brings ber back to Tel Aviv for a concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

> Bridgewater did a jazz evening with the left a couple of years ago, hoping at the time that the event would pave the way to more regular appearances with symphony orchestras all over the world. But that has not yet happened. T'll start to get a fair amount of propositions to do works with symphony orchestras and if these concerts go well maybe more offers will come," she says over the phone from Vienna where she



Bridgewater's newest release, a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, reflects her 'developing style that is comparable to Ella's.'

This time around Bridgewater devotes her program first and foremost to two jazz legends: Ella Fitzgerald ("Let's Do It" and "My Heart Belongs to Daddy") and Billie Holiday - with some extra arrangements by Lalo Schiffin ("Autumn Leaves" and The Shadow of Your Smile"), and also some pieces by Duke Ellington ("Prelude to a Kiss" and "Come Sunday").
She has just finished recording

her newest disc, a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald. It was quite a big undertaking. It will be a fall release on Verve Records. The preparation took approximately two months then it was two weeks

For Bridgewater, Fitzgerald is the first lady of jazz. I'm now developing a style that is comparable to hers. She was an enormous inspiration for me and I felt a responsibility to do a tribute to

As for Billie Holiday, well that's another story altogether. When I grew up I did not consider her to be one of the greatest in the business. But she could interpret a song in a way that nobody else could. But she is unfortunately one of the tragic figures of our ome. She's an inspiration of things not to do, not to get into the nega-rive downs of show biz, the drugs and the alcohol.

Bridgewater's greatest dream, however, is to get more involved in producing her own work, as well as the work of other artists. "I want to produce other artists works, I want to do a wonderful dramatic role in a movie, I want to do more theater and more of what

"But above all, I want to have more of a hands-on approach as a producer, to really converse with sound engineers, and have more of a say about the sound of my



Blur's efforts in their latest album prove it to be the most satisfying release yet.

## Blur: Full steam ahead, backwards

**GREATEST HITS** 

ry, the Grammys will have to

really trip over themselves not to

pick a winner among Jewel,

Garbage, or No Doubt, but just

watch The Tony Rich Project

SOMETIMES it's better to

remember the past instead of

Slade is remembered mostly

for their bad haircuts, atrocious

walk away with the award.

reliving it.

By DAYID BRINN

hen you're number two. you try harder. So after four albums of English guitar pop that paved the way for, but was then upstaged by, the Gallagher boys in Oasis, Blur has forged full steam ahead, backwards.

Championing the American doit-yourself sound of Beck, Pavement and countless other underground heroes. Blur has cone-lo-fi while retaining its British essence.

Reminiscent of those mid- to late-1960s albums by The Beatles in which they weren't afraid to mix styles, Blur's latest release is an admirable effort, if only partially successful. The opening track, "Beetlebum," is Revolver era pop that will have you singing along in no time. Things don't get strange until Country Sad Ballad Man" and "Death of a Party" with their folk a la Beck clanging rhythms.

Proving that you can't hide true colors though, tracks like "On Your Own" and "Look Inside America" brim over with classic rock melodies and vocals that are dead ringers for Mott The Hoople's lan Hunter.

The closing combination of "Strange News from Another 'Movin' On" and "Essex Dogs" fail in their attempt to redefine spacey psychedelia. But despite the flaws, this may be Blur's most satisfying alhum so

THIS week's Grammy Awards will likely be another fiasco in which the middle of the road is the only path chosen. Since I was a child and my friends and I called them the Grannies for their hopelessly old-fashioned attitudes towards rock 'n' roll, the Grammys have never missed a chance to prove how out of touch they are.

Things have improved somewhat over the years, and this 13song sampler of nominated artists and songs in the Record of The Year, New Artist and Female Pop performance categories provides a cross section of interesting material. "Ironic" by Alanis Morissette doesn't stand a chance against Eric Clapton's "Change The World" or Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me" despite being the infinitely superior song.

ventional choices.

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teeth and a string of number one teen anthems. They were one of Blur (NMC) the biggest bands to ever come out of England but they hardly raised a dent in the American 1997 GRAMMY NOMINEES

Spawned from the same glittery fishpond that bore The Sweet, T Rex and Gary Glitter, the quartet played basic rip-roaring rock anthems for the football and beer crowd. Twenty years later, bands like Oasis call them a In the Best New Artist catego-

major influence. However, most of those top ten hits sound pretty dated today. With the exception of "Mama Weer All Crazee Now," "Gudbuy T'Jane" and "Cum On Feel The Noize" (it was a rather silly gimmick, now that I have to type it). the material should be locked away in a 1970s time capsule along with platform shoes and shag haircuts.

## War stories, from a female perspective

from Belgium with a husband somewhere on the Western front.

Camilla Butchins plays the undere-

nant war bride. Lilla (Julia Garb) is

aristocracy and a mystery while

Francio (Schenk) revels in freedom

far from home in the American

mid-West. Matron Ashe (Jacqui

Carmel), a seasoned hospital veter-

an and certified battle-ax, keeps

Of course World War I is a

metaphor, Schenk agrees, "for loss

of innocence, for enforced transi-

tion and for how you cope with it,"

a situation that we here face time

the US in 1990, days before the Gulf War broke out, "and people we'd never even seen before asked

us can we help you?' and I wanted

could do the material we wanted."

Festival last year.

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volatile mix. The result is the Guild Theater production of Jodi Schenk's Unadorned, a new English-language play-that follows:
the lives of five volunteer hurses at an army hospital in England during

was reading Barbara Tuchman's The Guns of August." says Schenk, who's one of the five, "and I was struck very suddenly that so many people had died in a war that nobody even talks about any more. And as a modern woman in Israel who's expected to be involved - and I am - in what's going on. I wondered about the women in that war. They didn't have the rights and the freedoms. that we have, and yet they were very valuable."

Amid the endless folding of linens, rolling of bandages and the care they give to the church end-less stream of badly marketed men, the women learn to know each other and themselves.

Other and themselves.

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Unadarned director, Schenk's hasband Rob. You get chimically
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reality that they know. If we saw
the whole horror, we'd he themlyzed."

Minette (Pnina Issegoft), is a

### THEATER REVIEW

## 'Dinner' hits the funny bone

opbisticated's boolevard. entertainment, rib-tickling farce" say the rave reviews for this latest British

Rib-tickling, yes - if that's where your funny bone is. Sophisticated, no, unless there are boulevards in Blackpool where the flip-mouthed fun and fast-

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER

By M. Camoletti, Director, Colin M. Intyre. Barrie Stacey Productions, London

processed wit of this far-from-subtle show could easily have been

that in the play," she says.

Three years ago they were among the five founding members of the Guild, established "so we Don't Dress for Dinner, a highly commercialized comedy of errors, which included Schenk's plays is the would-be outrageously sexy Unatterned is the sixth - and other original pieces like The Voice successor to Britain's oldume tongue-in-cheek "bedroom" farce. A rattling, boisterous structure of vaudeville repartee, verbal slap-Lesson by Isseroff, also a founding member, which won her a best actiess award at the English drama stick, and West End tricks, it certainly levels with the ticketholder's outlay in terms of steamy sit-Unadorned is at the Ra'anana Yad uations and non-stop, sizzling

Lebanim tonight and Wednesday. If laughs are what people pay for there is laughter enough bere to recoup for the paid-for privilege



'Don't Dress For Dinner' is full of steamy situations and

of being numed on, lightly, mindlessly and incessantly.

graced the much-vaunted hit in the West End.

sizzline cracks.

Tightly directed but not so consummately cast, performances, though lively and energetic, don't give out the charm needed to glamorize such a glut of amorous liaisons. One is left suspecting that this is not the same team that

And despite the merits of Shawn Colvin and "Get Out of This House," it's more than likely that the Best Female Pop Vocal will go to Toni Braxton or Gloria Estefan, two more con-

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## **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15**

	K WEEK			ITTLE
#1	1	2	YEHUDA POLIKER	LIVE
#2	12	9	V/A	BEST OF '96
#3	6	26	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	COLLECTION
#4	3	2	NONA	NONA
#5	6	48	RITA	COLLECTION
#6	2	49	SHLOMO ARTZI	TWO
#7	17	15	SPICE GIRLS	SPICE
8	NEW!	1	DAVID BOWIE	EARTHLING
#9	23	2	OST	BREAKING THE WAVES
#10	7	12	EHUD BANAI	OD ME'AT
#11	10	14	TONI BRAXTON	SECRETS
#12	11	2	PRANA	GEOMANTIC
#13	RE	1	ABBA	GOLD
#14	9	10	RONIT SHAHAR	SHALOM LATMIMUT
#15	5	14	V/A	SPIRIT OF THE WORLD

### CONCERT ROUNDUP

## Emotional expression at both ends of the spectrum

Under the title "Berlin in a sommand of the various, inflec-Cabaret Mode," a pipe "non-rich styles, though the gram of music and back pieces of the Lotte Lenya reper-ground information was present toire had better be omitted to round information was present that better be omitted to in the concert-lecture series, avoid unfavorable comparisons.

From the Twilight of the other hand, an altogether different aspect of Weill's personal-Tomer Lev.

Romanticism at its latest was represented by the young Richard Strauss's little-known songs composed between the ages of 16 and 35 - the altimate of super-emotional expression. As its antithesis, the easuing

ROM THE TWILLEHT OF ROMANTICISM TO THE DAWN OF MODERNISM Works by Richard Straum, Paul-Hindenith, Paul Dessan, Hans Pale Kurt Weill, Ruth Maria Nikolai (mezzo-soprano), Tomer Lev (pin string quartet: Ekkebart Lor Natalia Gandelsman, Lilach Levanon, Hillel Tsori

caparet songs turned their backs on emotion: Kurt Weill's acid irony under a thin guise of mocksensitivity, Paul Dessau's politically aggressive style, and Hans Eisler's tendentiously declamate

The German mezzo-soprano. Ruth Maria Nikolai performed the songs poignantly, with superb

In his rarely performed String Onartet, nervous dissonances, restless energies, distorted melodiousness and tortured musical gestures substituted for what was discarded emotionally.

Hinde-mith carries the disillusionment with Ragtime from his Suite 1922, performed brilliantly by Lev.

A tantalizingly fragmentary lecture by David Witztum revealed sensational, well-documented facts and processes on the transition from musical creativity to music regimentation in Germany under the Nazi regime. . His chilling information on the not always tacit sympathies of contemporary intellectual circles with musical nationalism deserve a much wider exposure in full-

length program on this still large-ly unfamiliar subject. Israel Museum, February 18. Ury Eppstein

A CONTRA-ALTO in a French and Italian Baroque repertoire -

AUTHENTICA Works by Monteverdi, Lambert, Charpentier, Alessandro Scarlatti, Monteclair, Vivaldi, Lemoyne, Courbois Israel Seminario Musicak

Gerard Lesne with his Seminario Musicale ensemble (Blandine Rannon - harpsicbord, Bruno Cocset - cello, Pascal Montelheit theorbo) - is a rare event. Though French bimself, the

sonority of his voice and its sin-

gular clarity could, paradoxical-

ly, be appreciated best in the Italian selection. It was in pieces by Monteverdi, Alessandro Scarlatti and an Italian cantata by Monteclair that he permitted himself to let go and to allow his captivating voice to bloom in its full glory. This occurred, perhaps, because of the dramaticextrovert character of this music. In the French works by Lambert, Charpentier and Courbois he sounded more restrained, underlining their intimate, chamberlike traits at the expense of a vocal display. Particularly enchanting was the

extraordinary subtlety of nuances and delicacy of rendition. Rannon's performance of harpsicbord pieces by Forqueray was

admirably flexible and full of The songfulness and virtuoso

playfulness of a Vivaldi dello

sonata was displayed by Cocset.

Jerusalem Theater, February Ury Eppstein "HULIN," A newly commissioned divertimento for orchestra Israeli composer Haim Permont, was premiered by the

Israel Sinfonietta under Uri Mayer at their "Classica" No. 5 series concert. It is accessible - a loosely structured, rhythmic work, whose vigorous consonant sonority strikes a balance between

French Impressionism and Soviet Soloist Yaron Windmuller, lyric baritone, gave refined, understated, flowing performances of Bach: Cantata Ich Habe Genug and excerpts from Mahler's Des Knaben

The Sinfoniena and music director Uri Mayer created an attractive and engaging presentation of Haydn's brilliantly highspirited "Surprise" Symphony No. 94 in G major.

Conservatory, Beersheba February 22. Max Stern

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# BUSINESS&FINANCE

weekly reduction on the 1995

Of the overall civilian work-

While the number of jobless

meo increased 6.3%, female

unemployment decreased 6.5%.

Israel's civilian workforce numbered 2.177 million in the last quarter, a 2.5% rise on the

In the same period, the adult population increased 3%.

Of the country's entire popula-

tion, the workforce fell 0.2% to

However, employee numbers

continued to drop io the agricul-

ture sector (down 11% to

force, 6.7% were officially regis-

tered as unemployed, down 0.2%

on the previous year.

1995 figure.

## **BUSINESS**

in brief

### Indigo reshuffles senior brass

Newly announced changes in Indigo NV's senior management reflect the unsuccessful efforts the US-based management team has made in penetrating the US market, company chairman Benny Landa said yesterday.

Landa said that by hinng George Carlisle to replace Frank Steenburgh as president of Indigo America and by substituting the position of corporate president with an office of the president, the maker of short-run digital color printers will be better able to develop an aggressive approach to the US market. The office of the president will comprise the firm's four key executives, who will report directly to Landa. Wayland Hicks has stepped down as corporate president. Landa said that despite similarities in the European and US markets, sales in Europe have consistently exceeded sales in the US, indicating that the company's problems are internal.

#### Turkey to buy Elta radar technology

The Turkish Defense Ministry has bought the Innovative Ground Penetration Radar System from Elta Electronics Industries to detect plastic and conventional mines, executives said. Elta's parent company, Israel Aircraft Industries, said the radar system, based on the EL/M-2190, is mounted on a remotecontrolled vehicle capable of maneuvening over difficult terrain.

The system automatically detects mines and marks their position and trail. Executives said the radar sold to Turkey is similar to that bought from Sweden last year for deployment by its peacekeeping force in Bosnia. IAI would not quote the price of the contract, but industry executives said it was about \$3 million.

### VW hands over bribe probe findings to police

Volkswagen AG said yesterday it has turned over the findings of its internal investigations to prosecutors probing allegations that employees at the German carmaker demanded and received bribes from suppliers.

A VW spokesman declined to discuss the content of the information, which was handed over to prosecutors in the oearby city of Braunschweig, and said the carmaker has not yet decided if it would make them public.

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PRECONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE TENDER:

# Unemployment hits two-year high

Central bank cuts interest rates by 0.3%

from the bank.

and 10%.

#### By DAVID HARRIS

Unemployment increased by 0.4 percent in the fourth quarter last year to 7.3%, its highest level in the last two years, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureao of Statistics.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Israel announced yesterday it will cut its key lending rate for March hy 30 hasis points to 13.9%, pushing the aggregate cut since Angust to

The number of unemployed who were actively seeking work during the last quarter totalled 159,000 a week, 8.4% more than a year earlier.

There was a 0.5% increase to 8.8% in the number of women without work and a 0.2% increase to 6.1% among the male

There has been an average quarterly unemployment increase of 2.5% since April, compared to reductions of 3.3% in the equiva-

lent 1995 period. According to this calculation. female unemployment went up an average 4% last year, after declining 5.5% in 1995.

The change was less dramatic for men; up 0.8% last year, down 0.4% in 1995. The overall unemployment figures for 1996 show an average

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Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel last night denied that the increase io unemploymeou is a

> tinued tight monetary policy Since its 1996 peak of 17% at the start of July, the hank has reduced interest rates by less than a percentage point in all but one

result of the central hank's con-

Business services were the In June the annual rate was fastest-growing sector during the survey period, with an 9.8% increase to 194,000 employed, followed by transport and communications (124,000, up 8.2%), and construction (up 6.7%). some 15%, but by December itwas down to 7%, with the actual annual total at 10.6%, which is just over the government-set tar-

The central bank used the opportunity to remind the Finance Ministry of what it sees as the urgeot need to reduce the budget deficit, something the Treasury failed to do last month when it registered a NIS 1.283

policy, according to a statement

Frenkel made it clear that fore-

most in his mind is the need to

meet the government's 1997

inflation target of between 7%

ing slowdown in economic activ-

The central hank said its right

monetary policy has led to a suh-

stantial reduction in the inflation

rate during the latter half of last

hillion fiscal deficit. The Treasury is hopeful it will record a deficit lower than the predicted NIS 1.3b.-NIS 1.4b. for February, a senior ministry

source said on Sunday. Shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange rallied ahead of the

This decision was taken in light of the current positive monetary The Mishtanim Index closed up

0.99% at 260.47, and the Maof top 25 shares ended the day at 269.67, a 1.08% rise.

The continuing Bar-On affair probably also had an effect on share prices. In currency trading, the shekel

Additionally, the bank said, it lost 0.269% of its value against has to take into account the ongo the dollar, which closed the day the dollar, which closed the day at NIS 3.3420. "There is oo doubt that the pol-

icy has hindered and is damaging to the economy," said Teva geo-eral manager Eli Hurvitz ahead of the central bank's announce-

"High interest rates and a recession are not good for the economy and especially for

Labor costs are very high here, approximately 35% - 40% higher than in England, according to

Hurvitz. A company that expands at our growth rate can deal with this, he

said, but over a long period of time, if costs remain high, there will be a tendency to manufac-

The bank should have reduced interest rates by 2% io one move, rather than in the hit hy hit fashion currently being implemented, said Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper.

## Teva to raise more than \$100m. in US bond issue

Pharmaceutical leader's fourth quarter net up 61%

### By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries has preliminary plans to raise more than \$100 million this year via a bond issue in the US, the company's finance manager Dan Suesskind said at a press conference yesterday.

The country's largest pharmaceutical firm announced a 61.2-percent increase in fourth quarter net profit to \$30.3 million compared to the corresponding quarter last year. This is equivalent to 49 cents earnage forecast of analysts, which pre-dicted earnings of 45 cents. The board of directors decided to

increase the quarterly dividend allocation to NIS 0.30 per share, compared to NIS 0.20 in the first three quarters of the year. Teva completed 1996 with a rise

in net profit to NIS 88.3m. from NIS 74.3m. The figures reflect the acquisition of the US generic drug manufacturer BioCraft via the pool-

ing of interest accountancy method, which calculates Teva's past record as if Biocraft was always part of it.

In the first half of this year Teva is expected to come to a final decision regarding the flotation of Teva bonds, said Suesskind, adding that the idea is "appealing." The pro-ceeds of the issue will increase the company's long-term financing.

To date we have raised capital for more than five years, this issue will be for a longer period," said Susskind, Teva raised \$70m. from a syndicate of European banks last increase the company's financial exposure in Europe.

Last year was crucial in Teva's development and expansion worldwide Teva general manager Eli Hurvitz said. The company ended the second half of the year with revenues reflecting an annual rate of more than \$1 billion, about a quarter of which derive from the acquisition of European and US companies in the last two years.

Since 1994, Teva has completed. the acquisition of Biocraft, acquired the British generic pharmaceuticals firm APS Berk, Biogal in Hungary

and ICI in Italy.

Teva completed last year with revenues of \$953.8m, up 17.5% from 1995 (including Biocraft). Fourth quarter revenues rose to \$277.7m. from \$230.2m. Overseas revenues rose to \$204.8m., equivalent to 74% of total revenues.

Commenting on the recent con-solidation of the US generic drug market, Hurvitz said Teva is preparrional companies. "We have a portfolio of every firm in the US, which we may be interested in," Hurvitz said. "In some cases we have even

commenced negotiations." The new drug Copaxone is due to come on the market in the first quarter of 1997, said Hurvitz. Teva and the Weizmann Institute, which developed the drug, have appointed an arbitrator to resolve their dispute over Copaxone royalties.

### Meridor to reopen Hapoalim sale tender

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Finance Minister Dan Meridor yesterday announced his decision to reopen the tender for the sale of controlling share in Bank Hapoalim.

Potential huyers of the government's holdings in the bank, the country's largest, would be expected to forward their proposals within 45 days of the new ten der's official launch, which is expected to take place "early next week," Meridor said.

It will be managed by MI Holdings, the state-owned company in charge of selling govern-

The government intends to sell at least 25% of its stake in the bank, which amounts to 20% of the bank itself.

The government will also see to that the buyer's stake will oot exceed its remaining holdings io the bank, a Treasury communique

An additional, undisclosed stake will be left aside for the bank's employees.

So far the Bank of Israel's supervisor of banks has been officially approached by only one prospective bidder, namely the Eliezer Fishman-Jeffrey Keil

group.
The Arison-Claridge-Dankner
Group, which has recently
announced its intention to join the race for Hapoalim after parts of it surprisingly resigned from the previous government's tender last year, has yet to officially approach either MI Holdings or the Bank of Israel's supervisor of banks.

The group's sudden retreat from the teoder, not loog after the change in government following last year's elections, was interpreted as a reflection of its grim assessment of the country's economic prospects due to the perceived obstacles ahead in the

Following its decision to reverse its previous decision, Claridge's Jonathan Kolber said his group's newly positive attitude stemmed from the improved political atmosphere following the signing of the Hebron agree-ment between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman

If successful, Bank Hapoalim's sale would be a landmark accomplishment in terms of Israel's hitherto lackluster privatization

Earlier this week it emerged that the government's original iotention - to sell a 17% stake in Bank Discount this quarter - would have to be rescheduled for April due to the bank's inability to meet some requirements in time.

### COMPANY RESULTS

### General Bank net slightly down

Israel General Bank completed the year with a drop in net profit to NIS 12.6 million from NIS 14.7m, in the previous year. Fourth quarter net profits fell to NIS 4.19m. from NIS 4.24m.

Management announced that earnings were affected by a drop in profits from capital market activities. Profits from financing operations before provisions for doubtful debts decreased to NIS 37.4m. last year from NIS 41.76m. Operating income went up to NIS 56.4m, from NIS 47.81m. The

bank's operating expenses for last year increased to NIS 16.8m. from NIS 69.44m. Last year, Baron de Rothschild sold 52,4% of the bank to Investec, a banking group owned by South African investors.

### Israel Trade Bank's net profits decrease

Israel Trade Bank's net profits decreased 67% in the fourth quarter to NIS 66,000 from NIS 203,000 in the corresponding quarter last year.

During 1996, the bank's net profit increased to NIS 974,000 from

NIS 119,000 in the previous year.

The bank's management reported that fourth quarter earnings were affected by a one-time growth in salary expenses, mainly due to the allocation of NIS 286,000 worth of options to the bank's general manager. The decrease was also a result of an increase in provisions for doubtful debts to NIS 628,000. Total assets grew to NIS 571m. from

### Galit Lipkis Beck

### First Int'l Mortgage Bank posts 29.8% profit rise The First International Mongage Bank, a subsidiary of First International Bank, reported a 29.8 percent growth in net profits last

year to NIS 31.7m. from NIS 24.4m. in 1995. Net return on equity on an annual basis increased to 10.5% from

8.8%. Fourth quarter net profits fell to NIS 5.78m. from NIS 6.68m. The bank's management reported that annual earnings had been affected by an 11.4% increase in financing income to NIS 75.5m., resulting from a rise in volume of activity. Provisions for doubtful debts fell 33.1% to NIS 5.2m.

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#### Profits up at Atzmaut Mortgage and Development Atzmant Mortgage and Development, a subsidiary of First

International Bank, announced a 23.7% growth in net profits to NIS 14.5m. from NIS 11.7m. Net return on equity on an annual basis increased to 11.6% from 10.3%.

The bank reported a drop in fourth quarter net profits to NIS 2.26m. from NIS 3.26m. in the corresponding quarter in 1995. The drop was mainly due to a growth in provisions for doubtful debts to NIS 1.73m. from NIS 549,000. Galis Lipkis Beck

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## Shares rebound over interest rate cut

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By ROBERT DANIEL

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investigation eased. After the market closed, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel announced a 0.3 percentage point cut io the benchmark interest rate to 13.9 percent.

The chemicals companies, which rely on exports for much of their revenue, rose even as the shekel strengthened against the US dollar.

Also leading the market higher were technology holding company Elron Electronic Industrics Ltd. and Masbov Computers Ltd. Holding it back were Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Electra Consumer Products

The market is more sophisticaled after the last fall," said Jonathan Half, who runs the Tel Aviv office of Oscar Gruss & Son. "At the close yesterday, people were buying because they thought the whole reaction [to the scandal] was way overdone.

The Mishtanim Index of 100 most-traded shares rose 0.99 percent to 260.47, while the Maof Index of 25 top stocks added 1.08% to 269.67.

The most-active issue was Teva, down 1% to NIS 198.2m. on trading of NIS 9.9m. of shares. Teva reported that fourth-quarter earnings rose 61%. Per-share earnings were 49 cents, compared with an average estimate of 48 cents.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 136.8 million of shares traded.

That's 26% less than the

month's daily average of NIS 183.8m. and 18% less than the year's average of NIS 166.3m. Almost five issues rose for every three that fell.

### WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

## FTSE down slightly

LONDON (Reuter) - UK shares finished marginally lower yesterday, weighed down by a batch of ex-dividend stocks as well as uncertainty over forthcoming comment on financial markets from

Fed chairman Alan Greenspan. Fears that the US central bank chief could hint at higher interest rates or attempt to pour cold water on a hot stock market when he testifies before the US Congress tomorrow and Thursday, out-weighed a firmer tone on Wall Street.

The FTSE ended 5.7 points lower at 4,331.1.

FRANKFURT - German shares sliped to fresh losses in postbourse IBIS electronic dealings, weighed on by losses on Wall Street and the dollar falling below

Lack of fresh fundamental data

keeps market interest limited and trading volumes relatively thin. In post-bourse trase the DAX stood at

3180.63 down 23.16. Earlier the DAX ended bourse trade up 0.12 points at 3,184.21

PARIS - French shares finished barely higher after trading in a 20point range during the day.

Traders said the market was still consolidating but falls were limited by buying on the first day of the new account.

Dollar weakness against the mark and softer bond markets also weighed on the market, which was otherwise livened by sharp rises in Club Med, CLF-Dexia and AGF.

The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed up 5.01 points or 0.2 per-cent at 2,567.85 while the CAC-40 futures contract was down at 2,570 from 2,577 on Friday's close.

### WALL STREET REPORT

## Dow rises sharply

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average rose sharply yesterday as big gains in the shares of International Business Machines Corp. and Philip Morris Cos. accounted for nearly half of the 30-stock index's

Based on early and unofficial

higher, or 1.10 percent, at 7,008.20, which was short of last Tuesday's record close of 7,067.46.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 14-10 on active volume of 462 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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## European champions Germany arrive

By DEREK FATTAL

Germany, the current undisputed soccer-masters of Europe, landed in Israel yesterday ahead of tomorrow evening's (kickoff 18:45) friendly international against the national squad at Ramat Gan.

There are three notable absentees from the squad announced by coach Berti Vogts a week ago.
South African-born Sean

Dundee, the Bundesliga's current top scorer was forced to to pull out of the German team due to injury sustained at the weekend, while Stefan Reuter (Borrussie Dortmund) and Beyern Munich's Mehmet Scholl were also compelled to withdraw.

Captain Jurgen Klinsmann appeared delighted by the prospect of visiting Israel, when speaking to reporters yesterday.

"We hope to show the people here a good display of football," the amicable center forward said," Klinsmann indicated that he was looking forward to meeting his former Tottenham colleague Ronnie Rosenthal again, and on a more serious note stressed the importance of the game in strengthening ties between the two countries in the light of a difficult past.

The German squad will travel Jerusalem today and will pay a visit to Yad Vasbern and the

The West Germans played in Tel

goals scored by Lothar Mattheus the match, Scharf has been forced and Olaf Thon. The two sides have yet to meet on German soil. Wednesday's match has attracted massive press coverage in Germany, for what will be the first contest between Israel and a united Germany. A corps of over one hundred journalists is accompanying the European champions for what is the only friendly encounter before Berti Vogts' side resumes its World Cup qualifying campaign against Albanie in April.

With the German season resuming less than two weeks ago after its long winter break, there has been some criticism by domestic coaches at the decision to bring the players to Israel at this time. Given the fact that the match was arranged more than a year ago such arguments seem to lack foundation. Whatever, there can be no doubting that Vogts is approaching the match with anything less than the total professionalism that has characterized his management

career at international level. When the match was originally arranged, Israel coach Sblomo Scharf enthused at the prospect of pitting his side against one of the world's greatest soccer nations. Following the recent sharp decline in the Israeli side's form, the fixture appears to be turning into a nightmare for Scharf.

With yesterday's refusal by Celta Vigo club president Horatio Gomez to release Haim Revivo for

to cobble together a team to face the Germans without his three best players. Eyal Berkovic has been denied permission to play by Southampton, and captain Tal Banin is injured. In addition Nir Klinger, who could have added some badly-needed leadership at the back, was unable to take part the squad's first training session held yesterday, and is doubtful for the opening line up.

Scharf has announced one change to his original squad, with the recall of goalkeeper Rafi Cohen for Betar Jerusalern's Itzik Kornfein.

The Israeli coach looked grimfaced after vesterday's training session, remarking that the players seemed tired and disorganized. While Scharf conceded that the Germans would no doubt dictate play on Wednesday, he hoped that with proper effort and sufficient motivation his side could still harm the visitors on the break.

Despite all the hype in Germany, there has only been muted interest from Israel's public, with less than 2,000 tickets purchased. While the atrocious weather has played apart in dampening enthusiasm, most Israelis recognize that without the host-squad's skilful midfield trio the contest is likely to be totally one-sided. The fact that the match is being broadcast live on television is hardly likely to cause a stampede through the turnsiiles



Coach Berti Vogts pulls back midfielder Dariusz Wosz during Germany's first training session at Ramat Gan last night.

and recognizing this the Israel Football Association is planning to distribute over 10,000 free tickets to ensure a respectable gate.

This afternoon, the two nations' under-21 sides will be in action at Herzliva, Israel coach Yitzhak Shum expects his squad to be at full strength and is confident that they can gain a result that will (Maccabi Haifa), David Amsalem boost the confidence of the first team. The match kicks off at 18:00. The Israel squad for tomorrow's .

match: Goalkeepers: Rafi Cohen (Hapoel Haifa), Golan Malul (Maccabi Petah Tikva). Defenders: Assi Domb (Betar

(Betar Jerusalem), Amir Shelah (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Gadi Brumer (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Felix Halfon (Hapoel Tel Aviv).

Midfielders: Ran Ben-Shimon (Hapoel Haifa), Alon Harazi (Maccabi Haifa), Yossi Abuksis

(Betar Jerusalem). Avi Nimni (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Itzik Zohar (Betar Jerusalem), Alon Hazan (Maccabi Haifa), Nir Klinger (Maccabi Tel Aviv. captain). Forwards: Eli Ohana (Betar Jerusalem), Romie Rosenthal (Tottenham), Alon Mizrahi (Bnei

### Minister: Islamic image could damage Istanbul's Olympic bid

ISTANBUL (AP) - The Turkish sports minister yesterday urged IOC officials not to let Turkey's image as an Islamic country hurt Islambul's bid to host the 2004 summer Olympic games.

"Those who are to vote for the 2004 games should not mistake us for Algeria or Iran," Bahattin Seker said yesterday, commenting on an evaluation report by the International Olympic Committee.

Seker belongs to the center-right True Path party, part of the Islamic party-led coalition which has governed Turkey since July. = "

five, he said. The decision is due next

"But if the selection is marred by issues other than technical considerations, then they will push Turkey into other alternatives such as the Asian Games or the Islamic Games," Seker

Seker last year refused an offer by an Iranian official for Turkish athletes to compete in the Islamic Games, citing Turkey's secular status. Nearly all of Turkey's population is Moslem. The Islam-inspired Welfare Party,

Which holds the premiership, has been Technically Istanbul had a good pushing for a greater tole for Islam in chance of being selected into the first Turkish society.

Rome, Athens and Stockholm emerged as front numers in the IOC repon released Thursday. A record 11

cities are bidding to stage the Games. In its appraisal of Istanbul, the IOC report said 22 of the 34 sites would be new facilities, leaving a strong sports legacy for the city. But it said Istanbul was in need of better separation of athletes from judges and referees.

The contenders are to be whittled down to four or five on March 7, with the final selection on September 5.

Other cities contending to host the gardes are Cape Town. Buenos Aires: Lille, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan, Seville. Spain and St. Petersburg.

## German F.A. denies offer to co-host World Cup finals with England

BONN (Reuter) - A transcript of a TV interview given by German soccer federation (DFB) president Egidius Braun proved that his remarks about sharing the staging of the 2006 World Cup with England were misunderstood, a DFB spokesman said on Monday. The DFB denied that Braun bad offered in a television interview to share the staging of the

2006 World Cup finals with England. Michael Novak, spokesman for the DFB, said that Braun had said nothing about sharing during an interview with ARD television on

Sunday night.

He said a report circulating in the British media on Monday that Braun had made such an offer as the result of a journalist's incorrect interpretation of Braun's remarks. "It was a misunderstanding of what Braun

said," said Novak. "At no point during the (ARD) interview was the subject of sharing the finals even brought up." According to a transcript of the interview, Braun was asked if UEFA had already made a decision to back the German .

"UEFA had always assumed that Germany would be the only (European) country bidding and had always said 'We support Germany." Braun replied.

"But after the European championship the English came. And I said to Franz Beckenbauer on January 14 'It is time that we talk with England about whether we can have one European (bid) or whether we should not have a split (bid)." Novak said the word "split" that Braun was referring was whether Europe would have one country bidding or two, and not whether Germany and England

would share a joint bid. There was never any suggestion that he was

talking about sharing the World Cup," Novak said. "It was clear that he was talking about a split in bidding for the Cup, not in sharing it. Other countries besides England and Germany are also expected to bid for the finals in nine years time, including Australia, South Africa, Morocco and a possible joint-venture from Argentina and Brazil.

Both Germany and England are to push their individual claims when UEFA's Executive Committee meets in Geneva on April 17:

UEFA will only hack one bid, and a public rost blew up earlier this month, when it appeared that UFFA had given their backing to Germany without any prior consultation.

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from the English F.A. who believe their hand has been strengthened by growing animosity towards a possible German bid from German pressure groups.

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### Chang beats Woodbridge in Memphis final

MEMPHIS (Reuter) - Top seed Michael Chang ended nine years of frustration at the St. Jude tennis tournament on Sunday by beating Todd Woodbridge in the finals of the \$825,000 ATP Tour event.

Chang, the world's fourth-ranked player, had reached the semifinals at Memphis four times since turning pro here as a 16-year-old in 1988, but had never reached the final.

He made the most of his first appearance, however, beating the eighth-seeded Australian 6-3, 6-4. Chang, who celebrated his 25th birthday on Saturday, pocketed \$120,000 and earned enough computer points to jump into third spot

in the APT Tour rankings. Chang improved to 11-2 lifetime against Woodbridge, who won last month's Australian Hardcourt event in Adelaide to trumper his emergence as a singles player. Woodbridge and compatriot Mark Woodforde are the world's top doubles team.

"It is such a thrill for me to win here," Chang said,
"This is definitely one of my

favorite tournaments to come to year after year." Woodbridge, win-ner of eight Grand Slam doubles titles, had an easier trip to the finals than Chang, Olympic champion Lindsay Davenport won for the first time

since last August by beating Lisa Raymond 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday in the finals of the \$164,250 IGA Tennis Classic in Oklahoma City.
The tnp-seeded, 20-year-old Californian received \$27,000 in

claiming her eighth career victory. She won three tournaments in 1996, but nothing since winning the Olympics in Atlanta and a \$450,000 tournament in Los Angeles.

Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour yesterday: t. Pete Sampras (US) 5.49) points, 2. Thomas Muster (Asstria) 3,709, 3. Michael Chang (US) 3.595, 4. Yergeny Kafelnikov (Russia) 3,367, 5. Goran transevic (Croatia) 3,285, 6. Marreto Rios (Chilel 2,413, 7. Richard Kraficek (Netherlands) 2,365, 8. Thomas Enqvist ISweden) 2,264, 9. Wayne Ferreira (South Alrica) 2,283, 10. Carlos Moya (Spain) 2,171, 11. Albert Cotts (Spain) 1,371, 12. Boris Becker (Germany) 1,863, 13. Andre Agassi (US) 1,857, 14. Tion Remann (Britain) 1,753, 15. Todd Martin (US) 1,723, 16. Marr Rosset (Switzerland) 1,707, 17. Felix Mantilla (Spain) 1,681, 18. Jim Courier (US) 1,633, 19. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 1,480,

## LOCAL SCENE Slovakia to host Israel's Davis Cuppers on clay

By HEATHER CHAIT

The Slovak tennis association announced yesterday that the Davis Cup tie in which they will host Israel from April 4-6 will be played on clay courts in the capital. Bratislava.

Clay is traditionally Israel's worst surface, add to that the opposition - Karol Kucera and Jan Kroslak - respectivley 73 and 92 in the ATP Tour rankings issued yesterday.

Local rankings this week show Eyal Ran on 143, Oren Motevassel at 209, Eyal Erlich on 242, Raviv Weidenfeld at 243, Nir Welgreen at 269 and Noam Behr Meanwhile, Dmitri Tomashevich

from Uzbekistan, seeded sixth, won the second stage of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite, which was moved from Ashkelon to Jaffa yes-Tomashevich beat France's

Julien Variet, a qualifier 7-5, 6-0. In the semi-finals, Tomashevich beat Motevassel 7-6, 6-4 and Variet beat Claude N'Goran from the Ivory Coast 6-4, 6-1. Rugby: The league is nearing its end and ASA Tel Aviv is in a pow-

erful position in the A league, having won all their games. The B league is a closer situation with Kibbintz Yizre'el leading on 10 points but threatened by Ra'anana on 8 with one game in hand.

In Cup games, Tel Aviv has eight points but has completed their allotted games which means that Ra'anana (8), Galil Elyon (6), Jerusalem (4) and Yezreel (4) are still on the trail still on the trail. Fixtures for this weekend are:

Yizre'el vs Netanya (Yezreel, lpm), Ra'anana vs Galil Eiyon (Sportek, noon) and Rishon Lezion vs Jerusalem (Sportek, 130pm) Sailing: Olympic bronze medal-ist Gal Friedman again proved his dominance, by winning the Funboard event of the 12th International ASA Boardsailing

Championships to Ellat, Friedman left Amit Inbar in second place with Gadi Mintz third. Roi Hemo won the mistral category with Ariel Vardi and Liad Israeli behind him.

Germany's Emily Lux won the women's mistral with Michai Hem and Mirit Panagana

Hein and Mirit Ram second and third. Squash: The national championships are well under way at the

Herzliya Squash Center with Ronen Goldberg the top seed and player to beat. One hundred entries were received in the categories: men, seniors (35+), veterans (45+), masters (50+) and grand masters (55+). The finals will be held on March

l at Ra'anana Squash Center. TA Marathon: From the natural

surroundings of last week's Ein Gedi Race to the bustling city of Tel Aviv whose half marathon will be beld on Friday, March 14. Besides the 21.1km race, there will be 6km popular and competitive events, and a 2km children's race. Registration has begun. Call: 03

Badminton: This sport to Ra'anana is going places. After officials met with mayor Zeev Bilsky to impress upon him the interest in badminton, the response was a promise of more coaches and greater backing. To prove it, exhibition games were held last week with Bilsky present and next week Ra'anana wil bost a schools championship. For info: (03) 6494956.

Soccer: Beiog captain of the national team and a newly-wed husband to Yafit still leaves Tal Banin not fully occupied. So this week, he joined the Itzik Zohar ranks as radio announcer for Haifa's local station. His first guest on the program - bis mother,

### West Ham escapes bottom three with 4-3 win over Spurs

LONDON (AP) - Julian Dicks a 2-1 lead scored from the penalty spot in the 72nd minute - his second goal of the match - to lift West Ham to a 4-3 victory over crosstown London rival Tottenham Hotspor last night.

The victory was the first of the year for West Ham and the first win sioce November and lifted the club out of the bottom three in the English Premier League, the relegation zone.

Teddy Sheringham gave Tottenham a 1-0 lead in the eighth minute. Dicks leveled the match in the 21st and a minute later Paul Kitson gave West Ham

Dairen Anderton equalized in the 29th minnte, but West Ham jumped ahead again 3-2 on a 38th minute goal by John Hartson.

David Howells equalized again at 3-3 in the 53rd, setting the stage for Dicks' winner. West Ham has 25 points in 26 games, ahead of last-place Middlesbrough with 19, Southampton with 20 and and

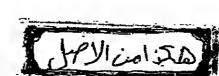
Nottingham Forest with 24. Tottenham remained in the middle of the standings with 32 points, far behind leading Manchester United with 54.

### Spanish fan sends ref off with red can

SEVILE Spam (Reuter)

A Spanish succer fan, augered by referening decisions in Sunday's first division maint between Sevilla and Logrones ran on to the pitch and showed all three major officials a red soft drinks can squashed into the shape of a red card.

Sevilla had two players sent off in the instendand lost a Aberwards, politic had to mistryene to stop the crowd flatished before at the referee and linestate and to pusyent a massed charge against the presidential box.



THEATER

HELEN KAYE

translation into English)

the Haifa Auditorium at 8:30. (English)

**ENGLISH LECTURE** 

HELEN KAYE

"I Spy: the English Spy Novel" is the title of Alex

Auswaks's lecture on the subject of those who write

about the cloak-and-dagger brigade. Auswaks lives

in Jerusalem, writes book reviews and was co-edi-

tor of Red Herrings, the UK Crime Writers

Association bulletin. Tonight at the Jerusalem

British Council library at 8. (reservations 02-673-

**CLASSICAL MUSIC** 

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

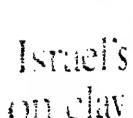
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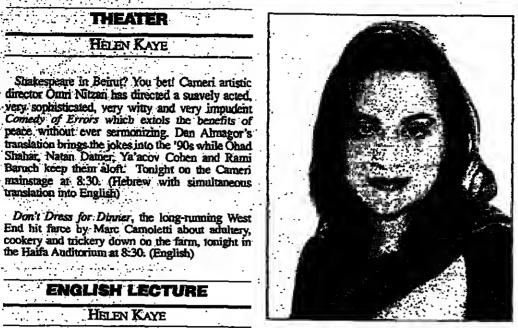


100 r.c  $r_{i_1,\dots,i_k}$ Soprano Svetlana Babajanov sings arias by Verdi, Bellini, Puccini, Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff tonight (8:30) at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv with Anna Rodoseisky at the piano.

PEROZAZO

If Bach is your cup of tea then the Tel Aviv University's Gallery is the place to be tonight where the Tones and Colors at the Gallery chamber-music series focuses on music by members of the Bach family. The program features a quintet by Johann Christian Bach and Yoav Talmi's arrangement of Johann Sebastian Bach's monumental Musical Offering. Performed by flutist Er'ella Talmi, harpsichordist Jocheved Schwarz and guest musicians

The Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba and the Tel Aviv Museum invite music and art lovers to enjoy 8 com-



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bined cultural evening at the museum tonight. At 7 there will be a gallery talk in the museum followed by coffee, tea and cakes before the Sinfonietta's concert featuring the world premiere of Hulin by Haim Permont and works by Bach, Mahler and Haydn. Uri Mayer is on the podium and admission to the museum and the concert is NIS 70. The Sinfonietta repeats the program tomorrow in

#### Ashkelon and Thursday in Kfar Sava (8:30 p.m.). TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

A three-part documentary series following the the final days of the Russian House of Romanov, The Last of the Czars begins tonight on the Discovery Channel at 10. This year will mark the 80th anniversary of the last czar's abdication. The totalitarian inclinations developed by the last czars brought on the end of their 300-year reign. Warring, revolution assassinations and scheming were an inseparable part of the aura surrounding the dynasty's final days. The epic history which affected the lives of so many will be shown using rare archive material, photos and interviews with specialists.

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

25 The Frenchman's here.

26 Cautioned about the

teaching profession (9)

27 Drunk with water in large

28 Attempted to produce a

composition for the editor

DOWN

colder (5)

waves (4.3)

(7)

faltering because it's much

ACROSS

1 Idling lout tucked into fish

(7) . 5 The discussion group remains in uproar (7) 9 Slaughter in the theatrel (9) 10 Organs which take money

to buy titles (5)
II Agitated manner I show

mathematician (7)
12 Copper's not quite too late for the sauce (7)
13 Figure lad could be in

Baywatch? (9) 16 Get up about midday to get

a lift (5) 17 Meeting of very odd group

18 Bits cut off or added on! (9) 21 Two forms of transport, or

only one (7)

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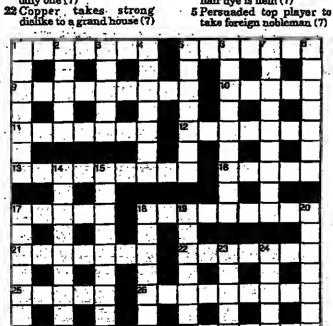
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4 Putting shiring element on hair dye is hell! (7) 5 Persuaded top player to take foreign pobleman (7)



service (5) 24 Girl who made the list perhaps? (5)

6 Storm out after a terrible

7 Hurried back to the allotment with the story (9)

8 Rest of the uncoordinated

team were in a French

14 Remitting in favour of making a donation (9)

15 Grouse when gang leader made ribs sore (9)

17 Supply vessel contained fish? No, the opposite (7)

18 The girl took a long time to find a mosaic tile (7)

19 Put in clue to be solved by

20 Hurried round with vase, but it wasn't acceptable (7)

23 Make a collection at a

department head (7)

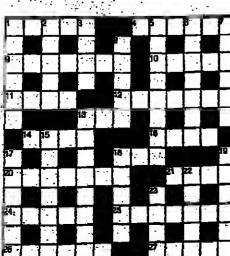
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SOLUTIONS 

Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Mister, 4 Chance, 7 Violisist, 9 Vein, 10 Higg, 11 Evade, 18 Lurvae, 14 Angora, 15 Vetoed, 17 Covert, 19 Seden, 20 Runt, 22 Veil, 23 Genrunner, 24 Danube, 25 Sinnet.

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DOWN: 1 Marvel, 2 Thin, 3 Relive, 4
Canada, 5 Apae, 6 Enigma, 7
Vibrating, 5 Theopener, 21 Raves,
12 End-on, 15 Versed, 16 Decree, 17
Cannes, 18 Titled, 21 Tutu, 22 Vein.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Hulk (5) 4 Making a mistake 9 Correspondence ന 10 Dismisses (5) 11 Bogeyman (4) 12 List (7) 13 Part of a circle (3) 14 Blessing (4) 16 Drawn (4) 18 Possesses (3) 20 Spare time (7) 21 Thought (4) 24 A month (5) 25 Customary (7) 26 Irritates (5) 27 Long (5)

DOWN 1 A tree (6) 2 Go in (5) 3 Preserve (4) 5 Admires (8) 6 Slope (7) 7 Caught the breath (6) 8 Meat jelly (5) 13 Every year (8) 15 Greek letter (7) 17 Woolly goat (6) 18 Understands (5) 19 Chief nurse (6) 22 Another Greek letter (5) 23 Upattractive (4) MI CHANNEL 1 grams 19:30 News headines

6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 8:45 Exercise Time 7:00 Good Morning

**■ EDUCATIONAL TV** 8:00 The Book of Genesis 8:30 Art Workshop 9:00 Reading 9:30 Health

9:45 For the young 10:10 French 10:30 Mathematics 10:40 Literatura 11:15 Science 11:30 Science and Technology 12:00 Geography 12:30 Movie Magi 13:00 in the Heat of the Night 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:35 Babar

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Motormice from Mars
15:55 Booly
18:00 It's Alive
18:25 Northwood
18:45 Super Ben
18:55 Zap to Basel
18:55 Zap to Basel
18:59 A New Evening
17:34 Shakeup
16:15 News in Engish

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News fash 19:31 Muppers 20:00 News 20:50 Lotto results 20:55 Mine Host Meni Pe'er

22:00 Nick Leeson and the Fall of the House of Barings (1996) - BBC docu mentary about the whiz kid who caused the crash of one of the world's oldest banks.

■ CHANNEL 2 6:15 Today's

Programs 6:30 Dr. Seuss 7:00 Collee with Tel-Ad - morning mage 9:00 Ruby 10:00 Picket Fences 11:00 Love, Honor and Obey: Malis Marriage - part 4 12:00 Nurses 12:30 Biossom 18:00 Open Cards 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Junior News 15:00 Aladdin 15:00 The Bold and the 17:00 News magazina with Rafi Reshet 17:30 Everything's

Open 18:00 Thirtysomething 19:20 The Price is 20:00 News Gimmel 21:15 Fact with Ilana

Dayan 22:00 Gov Night 23:15 The X-Files 00:00 News 00:05 The X-Files continued 00:18 Night Encounters with Kobi Meidan 1:00 Jazz at the Fled

the Shell I JORDAN TY

16:30 Dog House 17:00 Fun with Physics 17:20 Varieties 18:00 French pro-

ACUON 20:30 Encounter local talk show 21:10 Lost Civilizations. 22:00 News in English 22:25 Snowy Rive

MEDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shoo 14:30 700 Club 15:00 Richard Scarry 15:25 Cdast of what's going wrong with an American's Date Robertson. Directed by Robert Lynn. (91 mins.) 16:55 Family Challenge 17:40 Family Matters 18:05 Saved by the 15:00 Zombit

ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropo 19:00 News in Arabic

Day 18:00 Amores (58 mins.) 23:00 Dream On 23:30 News 00:00 Daily Verse 21:40 Showcase

22:15 Cinema 3 23:15 Call Red ■ ETV 2 (23) 15:30 All Together

Daily Life 17:30 The Cutting Edge 18:00 Femily Album 18:30 Bitz on Cartoons 19:00 The Book of 21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Movie Magic 22:30 Bossanova -

19:30 Family

documentary 23:30 Moses in Jewish

8:00 Dallas (rot)

Lives 15:35 The Nanny

17:30 New York Daze 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and

16:00 Hercules 16:45 Zingara

Tradition

9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:15 Perta Negra (rpt) 12:00 Zingara (rpt) 12:45 The Streets of Sea (rpt) 1:50 On the Edge of San Francisco 13:35 Dust 14:00 Dallas 14:50 Days of Our

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the Restless 20:00 Perta Negra 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210

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Skeletons (1964) - a former British officer is hired to discover damond business. With Richard Todd and

Bell 18:30 Lerry King 19:30 World New Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Sliders 20:50 Movie: Desperado Avala at Devits Hills 22:35 Love Connection 23:00 CNN

23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 Quantum Shopping

day-care center. With Jill Clayburgh and Brad Davies (94 mins.) 22:00 Shotgun CABLE Wedding (1992) -based on a true story. based on a true story. A reformed criminal wants to settle down with his pregnant griffrend, but is continually harassed by the local police. With Eden Young. (91 mins.) ■ ITV 3 (33) 16:00 Cartoons 16:30 The Thirst of 17:30 From Day to

19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Video Clips 23:35 Out of Annie's Past (1996) (rpt) 1:05 Killing Mind (1990) (rpt) 2:40 World Gone Wild 20:45 Rumpole of the (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6) 8:30 Cartoons 9:00 Nits Holgersso 9:30 The Center of Things 9:45 Pink Panther 18:00 Mathematics for

Bagrut 17:00 Mathematics in 10:05 The Center of Things 10:20 Ocean Girl 11:05 Harry and the Hendersons 11:35 Little University 12:00 Shesh-Tus 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Make Believe Closet 13:10 Sytzanian Connections 20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Dites Moi Tout – new series for learning

14:00 Little Flying 14:30 Nis Holgersson 15:00 The Center of Things 15:15 Pink Panther Show 15:50 The Adventures of Pete and Pete 18:15 The Center of

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Gadget 19:05 The Little Bits 19:30 Step by Step 19:50 Real Monsters 20:25 Married with Chadren 20:45 Rossanne 21:10 Lois and Clark

IN SECOND SHOW-(NG (6)

STAR PLUS 22:00 Lola Montez (French, 1955) – a beautiful film by Max Ophuls. With Martine Carol, Peter Ustinov and Anton Walbrook. (unconfirmed) 6:00 Yan Can Cook 6:30 El TV 7:00 Kate and Alie

19:30 Local broadcast 8 Step by Step News flas Muppets Local broadcas 19:30 20:00 Perta Negra News News New in the Monsters Married Unspeak-able Acts Ramat Avid Gimmel 20:30 with Children 23:45 Law and Order Bevery Hills 90210 results Mine Host Meni Pe'er Roseanne 21:00 Fact with Ilana Daya Lois and Clark Understand 21:30 -Ing Volcanos Separated by Murder 11:30 Convicts (1990) (rp:) 13:05 The Man with 22:00 the Golden Arm
(1955) – classic on
drug addiction with
Frank Sinatra (rpl)
15:00 Special report
on The Ghost and the Shotgun Wedding Nick **Gov Night** Lola Montez

8:30 The X-Files 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the

11:00 Hindi Shows 12:30 Land of the

Giants 13:30 Black Beauty 14:00 Kate and Allie 14:30 Yan Can Cook

15:00 Hindi programs 17:30 Star News

18:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 18:30 Baywatch

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20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Star News 21:30 Baywatch 22:30 Dynasty 23:30 Fantasy Island

00:30 Oprah Winfrey

1:30 Barnaby Jones

6:30 Bodies in Motion

■ CHANNEL 5

18:00 Bodies in

16:30 Dangerous

18:30 National League

20:00 English Laague Soccer - roundup

21:00 South American

Basketball - Israel vs. Belarus from 1996

22:40 English Soccer - West Ham vs.

Tottenham from yes-

**EUROSPORT** 

9:30 Speedworld 10:30 Nordic Skiing:

terday

22:00 European

17:00 NCAA

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Games

23:50 Autobiography of a Princess (1975) – en exiled Indian princess and her English tutor meet once a year for lea and to remainisce. With James Mason and Madhur Jaffrey (55

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Mamed Man (1991)

(17:05 Lakota Moon (1991) – life of American Indians before the white man

(rot) 18:40 Sherwoods

Travels (1994) (rpf) 20:05 New in the

20:20 Unspeakable

Acts (1990) - two psy-chiatrists uncover evi-dence of shocking abuse at a children's

■ DISCOVERY (8) 6:00 Open University - Acts of War, The Hand of Stalin 12:00 The Wine (rpt) 13:00 The Death of Yugoslavia, part 2 (rpt) 14:00 Open University

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Water of the Gods, Mexico – underground water sources of the Mayas 21:00 Understanding Volcanos 22:00 Last of the Czars, Part 1: Nildo and Alix - new three-part series following the house of Romanov

> (rpt) 00:00 Open University (rpt)

23:00 Deep Probe

SUPER CHANNEL 6:00 Travel Xpress 6:30 VIP 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom 8:00 Today 10:00 European Sauawk Box 11:00 European Money

World Champions Norway
13:30 Eurogoals
14:30 Tow-truck
Racing, California
15:00 Tiennis: ATP
Tour, Italy
17:00 Winter 15:30 CNBC Squawk Box (US) 17:00 Homes and Gardens: Dream Builders Universiade, Korea 18:00 Nordic Skiing: 17:30 Company of 18:00 MSNBC - The 19:30 Bobstect World 19:00 National Cup, Japan (rpt) 20:30 Extras Geographic 20:00 The Ticket 20:30 VIP 21:00 Dateline

21:00 4x4 Race. 21:30 Tennis: ATP 22:00 NCAA basket 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien English Cup Final 1:00 Equestrian 2:00 Luge: World Cup, Austria (rpt) 1:30 NBC Nightly News 2:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC

5:00 ISU Sketting:

Tour Sybase Open

Tour, Italy 23:00 Boxing 00:00 Soccer: 1981

IN PRIME SPORTS (rpt) 18:30 Earth Matters Edition

5:00 ISO Signing: Nations Cup 6:30 Indian Soccer 8:30 Spanish Soccer 9:00 Asia Sport Show 9:30 World's Strongest 10:00 Tennis: ATP

00-00 World Business 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World View 2:30 Moneyline 3:00 World News

Last of the Czars, Part

SKY NEWS

News on the hour 6:30 CBS News 7:30 ABC World News 11:30 Fashion TV 12:30 ABC Nightline 13:30 CBS News This Morning 16:30 Live from 19:00 Live at Five 20:30 Tonight with Adam Boulton 21:30 Sportsline Nations Cup 21:00 Winter Sports 21:30 Thai Kickboxing 22:30 Business

News 2:30 ABC World News

■ BBC WORLD News on the hour 6:05 Panorama (rpt) 8:45 The Panel 10:15 Panorama (rpt) 11:30 Tomorrow's World (ml) 14:15 The Money 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 16:30 Holiday

11:30 Trans World

Women's World Championship 13:30 Showjumping 14:30 Asian Soccer 15:30 World's

Strongest Man 16:00 Tennis: ATP Tour Sybase Open

17:30 Equestrian

Racing 18:00 Trans World

Cup Hall of Fame

19:30 ISU Skating:

22:30 Chinese

League Basketball 23:30 Squash:

Women's World

Sybase Open

Championship 00;30 Tennis: Australian

Open 1:30 Tennis: ATP Tour

Sport 19:00 Soccer: World

Sport 12:30 Squash:

17:15 Panorama (rpt) 18:30 Top Gear (rpf) 19:30 Film '97 (rpt) 20:00 The World Today 22:05 Panorama (rpl)

22:45 The Panel 23:30 The Clothes 00:00 World Business

2:10 Newsnight **CNN INTERNA-**

News through the day 6:30 World Report 7:30 Insight 8:30 Moneyline 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:30 American Edition 13:45 O & A (rpt) 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport

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19:30 Q & A 20:45 American 21:00 World Business 22:00 Larry King Live (rpt) 23:00 European News

Report 1:00 CBS Evening

**RADIO** 

IN VOICE OF MUSIC 5:06 Morning Concert

9:05 Mozart: A Musical Joke K522; Brahms; Trio in A minor for clarinet, cello and piano op 114; Schumann; Piano concerto in A minor, Schubert Symphony no 4; Beethoven: Symphony no 3 12:00 Light Classical excerpts from Beethoven, Haydn, Mozari, Schubert and Prokofiev 13:00 Anist of the Week - Israel Philharmonic at 60. Smetana: short orchestral works 14:06 Folk music 15:00 From the Recording Studio Hillel Zon (cello), Michal Tal (piano) Locatelli: Sonata in Di for cello and piano; Arthur Gelbrun: 5 A. Carter: Sonata for cello and piano (1948); Cassado Compliments for cello and piano; Shostakovich: Humoresque for cello solo op 5 16:00 My Concert – with Shemaya Semilari 18:00 New COs – Brahms: Sexter for strings no 2 in G op 36; Myaskovsky: Cello concerto op 66;

Bruckner: Symphony

World's Concert Halls
- Prague Chamber
Symphony Orch.
Winners of 48th
Prague Spring
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no 1 20:05 From the

22:00 A Musical

Journey

### MOVIES

1:00 Later

CRUSALEM
CNEMATHECUE Three Films Based
On Stories By Etgar Karet 5 \* Epidemic
7 \* The Working Troups + The End of the
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First Contact@The Ghost and the
Carloness@Kanta Sutra 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
\* The First Wives Club@Daylight 4:45,
7:15, 9:45 \* Michael Collins 4:45, 7:15,
9:45 \* Seepars@Portrait of a Lady
4:30, 7:15, 10 JERUSALEM THEATER
20 Marcus St. \* 5610011 Jane Eyre 9:30 Darkness 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* Portrait of a Lady@Michael Collins 4:45, 7:15, 10 MORIAH \* 6643654 Secrets and Uses 7, 9:30 ORLY \* #381868 Two Days in the Valley 7, 9:15 PANORAMA Portrait of a Lady 4:15, 6:45, 9:30 \* Star Trek: First Contact 4:30, 7, 9:30 \* Steepers 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2
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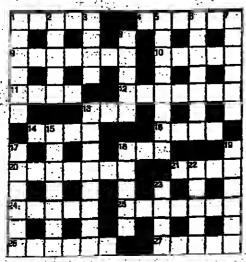
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Israeli peppers in China

Foreign Minister David Levy inspects green peppers during a visit to the Sino-Israeli demonstration farm in Beijing yesterday, as Agricultural Attache Yogu Saris (left), Ambassador Ora Namir and Chinese officials look on.

## Weizman begins three-day state visit to Britain today

By BATSHEVA TSUR

As a former RAF pilot, President Ezer Weizman takes with him "a special feeling" as he and his wife, Reuma, begin a three-day state visit to the United

Kingdom today.

My entire life would have been different had I not served with the RAF," Weizman said yesterday. "We gained a great deal of experience from them which later helped us set up our air force.

Ties between Israel, the Zionist movement and the British, he said, had "many ups and downs." He noted that he had also studied at

the RAF Staff College in 1950.
On arrival in London today, the Weizmans will be welcomed by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip and will stay at Buckingham Palace. They will meet other members of the royal family, including the Queen Mother, and Weizman will hold the head of the opposition. He will

By Jerusalem Post Staff

and news agencies

Foreign Minister David Levy

confirmed vesterday that Israel

and Yemen are discussing estab-

lishing official ties through the

opening of interest offices.



Among the highlights of the visit will be a meeting with the current commander of the RAF and Weizman's tour of his former

The president and his wife will also see the famed Cairo Geniza at Cambridge University. The geniza will be brought to Israel in the summer and will go on exhibition at the Israel Museum.

The Weizmans are bringing the queen a unique gift - a very rare book about Palestine, acquired also meet with members of the from an amateur private collector. ed experts and source books to

"Even before this we sent a spe-

cial emissary who brought a mes-

over the weekend.

"We thought that a historical book about Palestine, written by

an Englishman, would be an appropriate gift," Reuma Weizman said yesterday. "By sheer chance, we came across a book printed in 1650 in England which contains descriptions, many illustrations and numerous maps of Palestine at that time. The book was written by the clergyman, Thomas Fuller, B.D., who called it A Pisga-Sight of

Palestine. Weizman said they had consult-

establish the exact English meaning of the Hebrew word pisga. They established that it is generally considered to refer to the mountain from where Moses viewed the Promised Land, as defined by the Concise Oxford Dictionary. Douglas Davis adds from

London: When President Weizman arrives in London, he will also inspect members of the Scots Guards, who will be issued with commands in

Hebrew for the occasion. During the Weizmans' trip, Reuma Weizman, who spent 18 months in Britain in the immediate aftermath of World War II assisting with the rehabilitation of young Holocaust survivors, will visit the Diamond Riding Center, where handicapped children receive ther-

apy based on horse-riding.

The Weizmans will also attend the unveiling of a statue of Raoul Wallenberg.

The queen is also expected to accept an invitation to visit Israel. possibly during the 50th anniver-sary celebrations next year.

## Hizbullah issues threat of retaliation

Hizbullah issued a thiply veiled warning yesterday that it will retaliate with Katyushas in the event of what it described as further aggression by Israel against the Lebanese people.

The threat came after Hizbullah accused the IDF and South Lebanese Army of responsibility for laying roadside bombs near Majdal Zoun, oorth of the security

Hizbullah maintained that three devices "designed to cause maximum casualties" had been planted near a busy road junction not far

from the village.
UNIFIL spokesman Timur
Goksel said two devices exploded harmlessly while sappers were checking the area and another was

safely dismantled.
Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, meanwhile, visited the security zone last night in a show of support for the SLA. He met with Gen. Antoine Lahad and senior officers in Marjayoun and reiterated Israel's commitment to the force and residents of the

He was also briefed on the situation in south Lebanon by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine. He met with senior IDF officers and spoke with them about operations being carried out in the war against Hizbullah.

Hizbullah has also accused Israel of being behind the bomb-ing which killed a woman in Frun, north of the zone, last

Thursday. The Lebanese government com-plained to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over that incident, charging that parts of the

Israel's representative to the group, established to supervise the understandings that ended the Grapes of Wrath fighting last April, rejected the allegations. The IDF Spokesman said that the monitoring group also rejected the allegations.

Reports from Lebanon quoting security sources said that only intense pressure from the Lebanese army and Hizbullah leaders prevented members of the organization from retaliating to that incident with Katyusha fire on the Galilee.

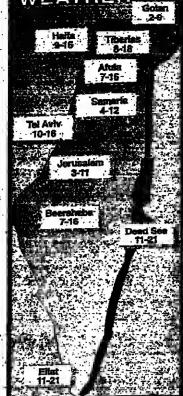
Mohammed Fnaish, a member of the Lebanese parliament on behalf of Hizbullah, was quoted in Beirut newspapers yesterday as saying that the organization would make the enemy regret every single crime it has committed against the Lebanese people.

The resistance has its own

methods of assessing the situation and we will bit back," said Fnaish. wbo spoke at a memorial service for the woman killed in Haboush. Another Hizbullah MP. Mohammed Ra'ad, spelled out the threat more clearly in comments in the Lebanese press, saying that the "resistance knows bow and

when to use Katyushas." There have been unconfirmed reports that Hizbullah may have acquired Karyushas with a range of around 40 km. from Iran. If true, this would put Haifa's bay-

side suburbs in range. Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said at the height of the Grapes of Wrath fighting that the organization possessed longerrange weapons which it would use



AROUND THE WORLD



### Winning cards

In yesterday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the ace of spades, 10 of hearts, 10 of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.

## Ministry complains over de Charette visit

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Israel has lodged an official complaint with France over Foreign Minister Herve de Charette's allegedly promising to make an extended visit next week,

Officials in Jerusalem said that during a private visit to France last month, Levy believed he had secured a commitment from de Charette to visit for two or three days, in an attempt to erase the bad impression left after last fall's visit by President Jacques Chirac. During his visit, Chirac pushed an Israeli bodyguard, and spoke in

the Palestinian legislature in favor of Palestinian control of eastern Jerusalem. Moreover, in the original program, Chirac was to spend virtually no time at the Western

Wall, while spending time at other program for the visit." religious shrines in Jerusalem's Palmor said Paris had originally Old City.

However, when Levy became aware last week that de Charette would only visit Israel and the Palestinian Authority for a a day during a March 4-6 regional swing also involving Syria and Lebanon, "he flew into a rage," a Foreign Ministry official said.

Levy insisted that the Foreign Ministry summon French Ambassador Jean Noel de Lacoste to complain:

Moreover, Ambassador to France Avi Pazner filed a similar complaint with the French Foreign Ministry, officials said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said DeLacoste was summoned last week to the ministry, where "we expressed our discontent over changes in the promised "a full state visit of two

or three days."
"We don't miod what he does in the region once he is here, but instead of dedicating two or three days to Israel on a full-scale visit he will be here for a 24-hour visit which will include a visit to the Palestinian Authority," Palmor

"Since there had been a promise [of a longer visit], the minister instructed the ministry to express his discontent," he

"I don't think we should beg de Charette to visit," one official said privately. "He can stay home. However as Levy became personally offended, the Foreign Ministry has decided to file a complaint."



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Levy said he could give no further details until Israel and Yemen issued a joint announcement. Yediot Aharonot reported that

Levy: Israel, Yemen discussing ties Yemen had agreed as a first stage to allow up to 10,000 Israelis of Yemenite extraction to visit and Israeli companies to invest in the country. There had been plans for singer Ofra Haza, who is of Yemenite extraction, to perform in Yemen but this was cancelled once it was disclosed.

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